OULU EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL VISITS PROGRAM
OU LU
Oulu is Northern Finland’s largest city, with easygoing inhabitants and a vibrant cultural life. Oulu is so close to the nature that you might even spot an elk in a park some evening. In addition to the green zones and urban atmosphere, you will enjoy its Arctic magic: the Northern Lights in the winter and a summertime sun that never sets.

KAL AJOK I
Kalajoki is known for its long beach, which is ideal for lying in the sun, relaxing and doing water sports. In summer, the sun shines almost around the clock. In winter, the snow-covered dunes and sea are a startling sight. Kalajoki Sand Dunes is a compact holiday resort offering a wide range of services and activities for the whole family throughout the year. visitkalajoki.fi

LIM IN K A
Liminka, the most rapidly growing municipality in Finland, is a dream come true for nature lovers. More than 160 bird species nest in the area in the spring, and you can spot thousands of birds in the sky during the spring and autumn migrations. You can even go birdwatching on a fatbike, as Liminka has one of northern Finland’s best mountain biking networks. Along with a hotel, coffee shop and nature exhibition, the Liminka Bay Visitor Centre offers an extensive range of program services. visitliminka.fi

ROKUA GEO PARK
Rokua Geopark, the Finnish Outdoor Destination of the Year 2018, is an amazing nature experience. Its landscapes were shaped during the Ice Age. Here you will feel connected with the nature. You can explore the area by going hiking, fishing or mountain biking. Rokua is the world’s northernmost UNESCO Global Geopark. rokuageopark.fi

SY Œ T E
The Syöte fell centre consists of two ski resorts and a national park. The snowy fell scenery is perfect for outdoor activities such as downhill skiing, as long as you remember to sip something warm every now and then! Here you can also experience Finland’s longest snow park or a freeride slope. Kids will enjoy dedicated slopes and Snow World. You can go hiking and mountain biking throughout the year and take a reindeer or husky safari in winter. syote.fi

Further information
Particular visit or program: Please contact the service provider directly.

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www.visitoulu.fi/en
Oulu - also called the capital of Northern Scandinavia - is the fastest growing city in Arctic Europe. It is a cool commercial, logistic and cultural hub in the middle of a large market area between Sweden, Norway and Russia. Oulu is very easy to access from any part of the world — numerous daily flights and just an hour’s flight from Helsinki and Stockholm make Oulu Finland’s 2nd busiest airport. Besides the city Oulu region includes also Kalajoki, Finland’s most popular holiday resort; Rokua, the world’s northernmost UNESCO Global Geopark; Syöte, the southernmost fell area in Finland and Liminka, one of the leading birding spots in all of Europe.

Leading Region of Education
In Oulu region you can explore and experience the world-famous Finnish education system that is frequently proven by, for example, the OECD Pisa assessment. Oulu is not only the most popular student city in Northern Finland but also the centre and innovative forerunner of new teaching philosophies. In Oulu region you can experience many practical examples of phenomenon-based learning as well as those of lifelong learning. Interaction with our local students is very inspiring as their English skills are at very high level.

Driven by Innovation
Oulu has the leading edge on research in key ICT-based industries, such as health technology, printed intelligence, and cleantech. Oulu is also the home of 5G, 6G and the Internet of Things: the local Nokia factory builds base stations for the future, and a revolutionary 5G hospital is being designed and built in Oulu. As far as creative industries go, also the game scene is booming in Oulu.

Arctic Experiences
Located near the Arctic Circle, Oulu region is one of Finland’s most enjoyable areas to visit. Here unique nature environment and Northern hospitality are combined with arctic experiences like floating in the frozen sea and observing the dancing Northern Lights. Oulu region offers a relaxed atmosphere to network and do international business also to business travelers.

In this manual you can find our inspiring products and programs of educational and technical visits — whether the target group is students or professionals, groups or individuals. We are looking forward to collaborating with you and welcoming you to experience an exciting, deeper look behind our world-class scenes.

Warmly welcome to the cool North, Finland’s leading destination for educational and technical visits.
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Finland is world-famous for its high-quality education system and it has been considered to be the best in the world. This is proven by, for example, the OECD Pisa assessment. Also the latest changes and efforts in the curriculum are aimed to make pupils more equipped to succeed in the modern and ever changing world. The new curriculum from 2016 emphasizes the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach to education and introduces the concept of “phenomenon-based” teaching, which will result in classes on broader topics such as European Union, Climate Change, Community and Entrepreneurship. Oulu is the leading city of education in Northern Finland, the most popular student city and also the centre and innovative forerunner of new teaching philosophies. Oulu has also been the key leader introducing the new curriculum to schools in Finland.

Oulu Educational Visits comprises visits and training programs for adults and professionals in the field of education, and programs suitable for camp schools and school excursions. There is a wide range of activities all year round to reserve as part of the visit at Oulu area. All these activities are consider to promote and support the phenomenal and experimental learning.
1.1 OULU SCHOOL VISITS AND PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, CITY OF OULU

Educational and Cultural Services, City of Oulu is a prominent provider of high-quality education in Northern Finland. We have early education and care centres, primary, secondary and upper secondary schools and organize education for adults (Lifelong Learning). We also run youth work services and culture and leisure services. In addition, we have a pool of experts in the field of education working at the unit for development (eg. curriculum development, welfare services).

PROGRAM 1

EDUpack

EDUpack educational visits consist of a visit to a school or early education unit. Lectures and workshops on Finnish education can be negotiated separately to complement the visit.

Product description

Early childhood education and care (children aged 0-6): Presentation of the Finnish day care system, including preschool (children aged 6), insight in special features of children’s activities and a possibility to visit day care groups in action.

Basic education for age group 7 to 16 and upper secondary education for age group 16-19: Presentation of the Finnish education system, information about the particular school, insight in a special theme and a tour in the school facilities. The visitors may in some cases also attend lessons to observe and/or take part in the lesson activities.

Target group: principals/head teachers, directors at early education centres, school teachers, early education teachers, administrators, supervisors, inspectors, researchers, university students

Participant minimum/maximum: 4-30
Service languages: Finnish, English, one EduPack in Swedish

Interpretation services: No

Availability/Seasonality: EDUpacks are organized during regular Finnish working days and hours. Special occasions and holidays affect the availability of visiting times.

Length of the program: 3 hours-a week

Location of the activity/program: Oulu city: schools, early education and care centres, administrative buildings and training centres

Distance from Oulu: 0 minutes to 1 hour

Certificate/Diploma of participation: Certificate of attendance can be provided on request

PROGRAM 2

EDUpackJRs

EDUpackJRs are programs for school excursions. They can also be fitted in a camp school program.

Target group: pupils and students

Minimum age, if required: 7 years

Participant minimum/maximum: 5-30 (if over 10, the group must be split into two or more sub groups)

Service languages: Finnish, English

Interpretation services: No

Availability/Seasonality: EDUpackJRs are organized during regular school days and hours. The visits cannot be organized during special occasions and holidays.

Length of the program: maximum of 3 hours during 1-3 days

Location of the activity/program: Oulu city, administrative buildings, schools, early education and care centres

Distance from Oulu: 0 minutes to 1 hour

Certificate/Diploma of participation: Certificate of attendance can be provided on request

EDUpack JR s are thematic visits for children and young people to schools in Oulu. The pupils/students can take part in the lesson activities and/or the school can arrange special program.
# PROGRAM 1

**Colours and Shadows – Reflections of Modern Pedagogy**

At the Oulu University Teacher Training School. Find detailed program from our website https://tts.oulu.fi

Participants have a unique opportunity to work together with the Finnish teachers and teacher educators in authentic situations and learning environments, learning about Finnish pedagogical practices. In addition, there will be top-quality lectures by experts from the field: co-teaching, planning and evaluation.

Target group: This international event is for teachers, principals, teacher trainers, students, researchers, school social workers, welfare officers, psychologists, decision makers and other educators.

Participant minimum/maximum: 20 / 500

Service languages: English

Interpretation services: Available upon request for larger groups.


Length of the program: 3 days

Location of the activity/program: Oulu, Finland

Distance from Oulu: 0 minutes

Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes

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# PROGRAM 2

**Phenomenon-Based STEAM Camp**

Active and engaging camp for learning STEAM subjects in the Finnish Way. Find detailed program from our website https://tts.oulu.fi

Discover STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education opportunities at Phenomenon-Based STEAM Camp! Enjoy learning sciences creatively in the guidance of Finnish Tutors surrounded by the fascinating nature of Oulu Region. The environment provides opportunities for exploring the natural phenomena related to the topics according to the National Finnish Curriculum. The program includes refreshing social activities and shared cultural experiences in the pure nature.

Target group: This international camp is for students aged between 15-20 years old.

Minimum age, if required: 15 years

Participant minimum/maximum: 20 / 30

Service languages: English

Interpretation services: No

Availability/Seasonality: Available upon request

Length of the program: 5 -12 days

Location of the activity/program: Oulu Region, Finland

Distance from Oulu (in hours and minutes): 0 minutes

Certificate/Diploma of participation (Yes OR No): Yes

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A. HAUKIPUDAS UNIT

OSAO Haukipudas unit provides vocational education and training both for young people coming from comprehensive school and adults who want to have new vocational qualifications or develop their competence by doing further or specialised vocational qualifications. The unit provides commercially tailor-made vocational training for employers and private people, too. The fields in vocational education and training are:

- Vehicle Technology
- Construction including Earthworks and Treatment Technology
- Electrical Engineering and Automation Technology
- Catering and Restaurant Services

B. KAUKOVAINIO UNIT, SERVICES

OSAO Services unit offers vocational education in Business and Administration, Information Technology, Tourism, and Catering. We offer working life based education and training in Food Production, Confectionery, Cooking, Hotel and Restaurant Services, Tourism Services, IT Support Services, Programming, Customer Service and Sales, and Finance and Office Services.

In Business and Administration, we offer an International IB Career related program. This program is taught entirely in English. Students who complete the program are rewarded with Finnish vocational qualification which enables them to seek admission to Finnish universities. Students coming outside of European Union please inquire fees from Mr Antti Rovamo.
C. KAU KO VAINIO UNIT, TECHNOLOGY

OSAO Technology unit provides education in the fields of Construction, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), Electricity, Metalwork and Machinery, Processing, ICT, Media, Chemistry, Restauration and Design (jewelry, furniture, handicrafts, clothes). Construction studies are famous for building single-family homes for new areas in Oulu.

The homes are made by students under the supervision and guidance of teachers. Once completed they are sold to the general public. The Metalwork and Machinery education program is a forerunner in the field of digitalization and automation. Students use robots and automation with machine vision, as well as 3D modelling, simulation and printing technologies in their studies.

D. KEMPELE - LIMINKA UNIT

Kempele–Liminka unit is located in close proximity to Oulu. Security guard’s vocational qualification is organized in Liminka approximately 30 km from Oulu. Security guard’s training has been certified according to ISO 14001. Vocational education of Logistics, Gardening, Catering, and Hotel and Restaurant Services is organized in Kempele which is located 15 km from Oulu. The unit has three modern learning kitchens, a number of training simulators, a fleet of lorries and other vehicles which are used in education under the supervision and guidance of teachers. Gardening tuition takes place in the unit’s own greenhouse and floral shop. Students are also fulfilling customers’ orders.

E. KONTINKANGAS UNIT

Kontinkangas Unit is the biggest and most versatile school in northern Finland offering education in Social Services, Health and Sports. We also arrange preparatory education for vocational training. We offer training in the following vocational qualifications: Beauty Care, Hairdressing, Pharmaceutics, Social and Health Care (Practical Nurses), and Maintenance of Equipment. We also offer Apprenticeship training, Labour market training, Management and Entrepreneurship training, Personnel training, and short courses on the above mentioned fields of study.
F. MUHOS UNIT
Muhos unit offers training for four different vocational qualifications. The unit has a modern car repair shop as a learning environment for Vehicle Technology students and a training kitchen for Catering students. In Agricultural training, the unit has 120 ha of arable land, a cowshed with a milking robot and a pet attending house with a wide range of small animals. In Forestry training, the unit has many logging machines and forestry tractors. There are also forest machine simulators to assist in the training.

G. PUDASJÄRVI UNIT
Pudasjärvi unit is located one hour’s drive from Oulu and only 60 kilometres from the southernmost fell area Syöte in Finland. Pudasjarvi is well-known as a modern log city. The world’s biggest log factory Kontio is also located in Pudasjarvi. We offer studies next to the pure nature, wilderness and snow. The Pudasjarvi unit provides education in Business Administration, Tourism Services, Social and Health Care, Electricity and Wood Technology. Studies in the Pudasjarvi unit are more than vocational training and education: you are gathering once-in-a-lifetime experiences in the middle of Finnish nature.

H. TAIVALKOSKI UNIT
Taivalkoski unit provides vocational education and training both for young people coming from comprehensive school and adults who want to have new vocational qualifications or develop their competence by doing further or special vocational qualifications. The fields in vocational education and training are currently:

- Vocational Qualification in Mining: Miner
- Vocational Qualification in Forestry: Forest Machine Operation
- Vocational Qualification in Social And Health Care, Practical Nurse
- Vocational Qualification in Construction: Earthmover Operator
PROGRAM 1
Visit and training packages
Visit and training packages for individual professionals and groups who are interested in Finnish vocational education and training

Themes, i.e. operational culture, school management, learning environments, entrepreneurship, English language, work life collaboration, teaching and learning methods

Target group: Professionals and experts
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: Chinese/Japanese translators can be provided for an additional fee.
Availability/Seasonality: From August to May, Monday to Friday
Length of the program: One to any
Location of the activity/program: Oulu, Haukipudas, Kempele, Liminka, Muhos, Pudasjärvi, Taivalkoski
Distance from Oulu: Oulu and distance of 30-60 minutes
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
PROGRAM 2
Santa Claus Academy Finland
Meet Santa Claus and learn the Finnish lifestyle, meet locals and study in Oulu, Pudasjärvi or Taivalkoski.
Oulu Vocational College provides unique Finnish experiences in arctic nature. School groups are welcome to learn traditional Finnish skills related to pure nature, wilderness, snow, berries & mushrooms and Northern Lights. All the activities are done in the cleanest air and nature in the world.
Participants have the possibility to get to know Finnish students and interact with them in school environment.
Santa Claus Academy consists of English language training throughout the given activities below and academic lessons and activities of your choice. At the end of the program, Santa Claus will hand out Official Santa Claus Academy Certificates to participants.
The following activities are available to participants of Santa Claus Academy. Please note that some activities are seasonal (winter/summer only).

Cross-country skiing
Try cross-country skiing with professional ski instructor. Skiing is a very traditional form of exercise and every child learns it at preschool in Finland.

Snowshoeing
Experience snowshoeing between snow-covered trees with professional instructor. You can go to places like never before. Snowshoeing is good exercise for everyone.

Snow sculpting
Make sculptures from snow cubes using different kinds of tools. Let yourself be a real artist.

‘Every man’s rights’ lesson
Get to know about every man’s rights and how Finns interact with nature.

Wilderness skills
Learn how to make a campfire, cook food in the wilderness, ski, use snowshoes and learn the basics of orienteering.

Indoor wall climbing
Try indoor wall climbing with a professional instructor. This sport is as exciting as you want, depending on how high you are willing to climb.

Northern Lights
Learn about the Northern Lights, with a bit of luck, see them shine across the sky while taking a walk in town. Please note, Northern Lights are a natural phenomenal and can bee visible from October til March, weather permitting.

Cycling
Finnish people love to cycle all year round. Especially in Oulu area there is a well kept cycle lane system with lanes in the city and forests.

Bake a pie
Try baking a traditional Finnish berry pie and enjoy it with coffee or juice.

Fishing
Fishing is an easy and natural way of having free, clean and healthy food. Try your luck on the banks of river Oulu which is a salmon river.

Ice skating
Test your skating skills on natural ice or indoors in a hockey rink.

Indoor and outdoor sports
You can choose from volleyball, basketball, tennis, floor ball, badminton, football and Finnish baseball.

Nordic walking
Walk like a Finn, try walking with sticks.

Yard games
Mölkky (traditional Finnish bowling game), petanque, croquet etc.

Enjoy kota experience
Make a fire, make coffee and roast sausages inside a traditional kota.

English language course with academic lessons and activities of your choice.

One to four weeks language course with possibility to interact with OSAO students.
Oulu University of Applied Sciences (Oamk), founded in 1996, is a strong and multidisciplinary university of applied sciences. We educate competent and innovative professionals and conduct active research and development. In co-operation with our partner institutions we create new vitality to the northern region.

Oamk is the largest university of applied sciences in Northern Finland. We offer a wide range of higher education degree programs and a strategic focus on industries such as ICT, health and wellbeing, business and energy. Our university has a strong background in ICT, innovation and development. We collaborate closely with business and industry.

A. AREAS IN THE FIELD OF FURTHER EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS AND ORGANISATIONS:

- Competence-based Education as a Comprehensive Training Solution
- Designing curricula for teacher and instructor training
- Latest Tools in Digital Learning
- Deep Learning Pedagogy
- Videos and vlogs as Learning and Teaching Tools
- Open Digital Badges for Learning
- Special Needs Pedagogy
- Acquiring Pedagogical Skills Through Blended Learning
- Counselling and Guidance in Rapid Change
- Experience Pedagogy

Visits can be tailored to meet the needs of the visitors. Short visits (1 hour to one day) can focus on a specific topic or give an overview of professional teacher education. Longer visits (2 – 5 days) can include training days, hands-on workshops and school visits under the theme of professional teacher education.
### B. ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN FINNISH HIGHER EDUCATION

A visit to Oulu University of Applied Sciences with an introduction to entrepreneurship practices and methods implemented in Finnish higher education.

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Target group: Higher Education Institutions and Industry Professionals |

### C. OAMK LABS

**EduLAB**

An introduction to and tour of the EduLAB environment. Oulu EduLAB focuses on supporting the development of interdisciplinary professional teams in order to create software-based innovations, and a wide range of other products targeting the global Educational Technology (Edutech) industry (www.oamklabs.fi/ouluedulab/).

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**Oulu Game LAB**: Finland’s most innovative game development program

Oulu Game LAB is a globally recognized game education program in Oulu, Finland. This tour will allow visitors to learn about this program’s unique and innovative structure firsthand from staff who are daily involved in helping teams from around the world to create new games and start-up companies. For over five years, Oulu Game LAB has been expanding and is now located in the city’s new ‘Game Campus’ which includes offices from some of the region’s largest games companies.

The activities can include tours of the facilities as well as taking part in meetings with some of the newest teams who will demonstrate and encourage visitors to test their prototype games. These games are often being made for mobile devices, or virtual and augmented reality. As a result, visitors will be able to see how new technologies are being connected with new game design.

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**DevLAB**

An introduction to and tour of the DevLAB training program. DevLAB focuses on the development of interdisciplinary teams and start-ups aimed at solving problems from a variety of industries including: Natural resources and sustainability, Tourism, Health and wellbeing and ICT, Logistics and supply chains.

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### D. VISITS TO EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS AT THE OULU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Examples of the expertise areas and training topics at Oulu University of Applied Sciences:

- Pedagogic Model in Agricultural and Rural Industries Studies
- Open Innovation Approach in IT Studies at Oamk
- Studying and evidence based practices in working life in Health Care
- Simulation Training in Health care
- Entrepreneurship Studies:
  - Entrepreneurship as a strategic development area at Oamk
  - Commercialization ecosystem of Oulu Innovation Alliance
  - Business Kitchen Universities, entrepreneurship hub
  - Demola- Students solving real life challenges with Companies
  - Terwa-Academy - Putting Entrepreneurship to Practice
UNIVERSITY OF OULU

The University of Oulu has been successful in many areas including education, information technology, biosciences, health, culture and environment. The University of Oulu educates and researches people and culture in a changing living environment, as well as opportunities that new technology provides for improving the well-being of people and the environment.

Every faculty and department at the university is involved in global educational cooperation concerning a number of countries all over the world. Our 20 international degree programs offer unique possibility to study a full degree or part of a degree.

PROGRAM 1

Introduction to the University of Oulu Education and Research Areas

Get to know the multidisciplinary University of Oulu and the latest scientific innovations. Come and discuss how to develop your competence or your organization in cooperation with our experts.

It’s possible to choose to have a general overview or a deeper insight of the following scientific fields:

- Biosciences
- Economics and Business Administration
- Education
- Engineering and Architecture
- Humanities
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Medicine and Health
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Let the following examples lead you to discover more on our limitless possibilities:

Biosciences: Biochemistry is the study of life at the molecular level. Even the simplest living systems are extremely complicated and comprise a vast array of interconnecting processes. These processes are said to be governed by our genes, the genetic code which makes us who and what we are.

Economics and business administration: Oulu Business School offer relevant and high quality business education and training with emphasis on practical applications. Versatile course portfolio offers excellent opportunities to explore all major fields in business and economics.

Education: The core of the discipline is formed by education and training covering the entire human life cycle from early childhood education through the learning and teaching of children and adolescents.

Engineering and architecture: The Faculty of Technology operates in the fields of Architecture, Mechanical Engineering, Process and Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Management, Mining Engineering and Mineral Processing, Civil Engineering, Geosciences and Chemistry. Education and research are conducted in close collaboration with national and international companies, research institutions and public sector organizations.

Humanities: Teaching and research in practically all the academic disciplines concerned with achievements in the humanities: history, language and linguistics, cultural studies and literature.

Information and communication technologies: Get cutting-edge knowledge in wireless communications both at physical and network layers. We offer capability to design and implement wireless solutions, e.g., for future 5G networks, Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices and smart energy-efficient wireless sensor applications.

Medicine and health: Versatile education in the field of medicine, dentistry, health sciences, health management science, teacher education in health science and medical bioengineering.
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PROGRAM 1
Tailor-Made English Courses
We offer 5- and 10-day tailor-made English courses for groups of students (10-20 students) coming from abroad, e.g. Asian countries.

Intensive tailor-made English courses with immersion in Finnish culture and education as well as cultural and social exchange with locals.

CODE SCHOOL FINLAND

Code School Finland is the leading private company in Finland to teach programming and other 21st century skills to both children and adults.

Our workshops are designed to respond to the needs of each individual participant. Our goal is to enable our students to execute tasks independently and by experimenting. This goal is best achieved through age-appropriate, motivating hands-on projects and exercises that support algorithmic thinking and the use of different devices and programming environments. Our teaching materials support the objectives of the Finnish national core curriculum for primary education.

PROGRAM 1
Coding Camps and Workshops
In our workshops and camps participants will learn coding by doing fun little projects in a team lead by professional coding teacher. By learning coding you will also learn skills such as abstraction, problem solving, design thinking and how to find and apply knowledge.

The content of the camp or workshop are always tailored to meet the wishes and needs of the visitors, but what is always in the itinerary is learning to master the digital world, developing our mindset and expressing ourselves with coding. Sample projects: Introduction to game programming in a 3D environment or Robotics and Internet of Things

In our workshops and camps subject matter expert teacher and tutors guide the students throughout the day. Learning takes place in 3-4 person teams.
1.2 OULU EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

VALVE FILM SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Valve Film School for Children and Young People is a film education specialized unit of cultural and educational services of City of Oulu at Cultural Centre Valve in Oulu Finland. Valve Film School is organizing clubs, courses and workshops for children, youth and adults. Valve Film School encourages children to express their own thoughts creatively through language of cinema. One of the pedagogical goals is to inspire children’s curiosity towards art and culture.

PROGRAM 1

Live-Action Film Workshop

Teachers from Valve Film School are guiding the participants to the secrets of film making. Create new cinema masterpieces at Valve Film School’s workshop. The workshop includes 5 steps: brainstorming, scriptwriting, filming, editing and premiere. Groups are granted the filming equipment, green screen studio, computers for editing, costumes and make-up. Duration of the workshop can be adjusted between 4 - 16 hours. The highlight of the workshop is a premiere. The films are screened in actual cinema on a big screen. Film snacks will be provided, and more elaborate service or catering can be arranged. Each participant receives the workshop films on a required format. It is also possible to organize a workshop together with Finnish participants to share views of different customs and cultures.

Target group: Primary, secondary and high school students
Minimum age, if required: 7
Participant minimum/maximum: 4 / 25
Service languages: English
Availability/Seasonality: 01.01 – 31.12.
Length of the program: 4 - 16 hours
Location of the activity/program: Cultural Centre Valve, Oulu, Finland
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes

PROGRAM 2

Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

Teachers from Valve Film School are guiding the participants to the secrets of making animation. Valve Film School’s animation workshop includes brainstorming, scriptwriting, animating, editing and premiere. Groups are granted the iPads and other equipment for making animations. The animations are prepared with physical elements and materials such as plasticine, paper cut-outs or legos. Duration of the workshop can be adjusted between 4 - 16 hours. The highlight of the workshop is a premiere. The films are screened in actual cinema on a big screen. Film snacks will be provided, and more elaborate service or catering can be arranged. Each participant receives the workshop films on a required format. It is also possible to organize a workshop together with Finnish participants to share views of different customs and cultures.

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PROGRAM 1

Comic Book Workshop
Making Comics together with the help of idea-cards.

A Comics Workshop for children. In the workshop participants design and make their own comics. The tutor of the workshop is a professional comic artist.
PROGRAM 1

Rocket factory

Build your own paper roll rocket and learn about the history of space rockets and their mechanics and operating principle.

Each participant will build his or her own paper roll rocket, which is launched at the height of Tietomaa square outdoors.

PROGRAM 2

Dragsters

Plan, build and test vehicles that use CO2 capsules as their power source.

The workshop has a strong link to technology education. We will discuss and ponder different features that have an effect on the speed of a vehicle. We will plan, build and test vehicles that use CO2 capsules as their power source. Testing is done with circuit equipment that is unique in Finland, having both manual and automatic launch feature.
PROGRAM 3
Chemistry and Physics workshops
We will choose a chemical or physical phenomenon and learn about it through our own experiments.

Making of liquorice (ammonium chloride): What is liquorice actually?

FAB LAB OULU

Fab Lab Oulu is a small digital manufacturing working area (fabrication laboratory) that complies with open innovation concept developed by MIT in the United States. In Fab Lab it is possible to design your own product or hardware from the scratch. Fab Lab Oulu operates within University of Oulu.

PROGRAM 1

Technical visit at Fab Lab

What is a Fab Lab?

A fabrication laboratory (Fab Lab) is a small-scale workshop offering digital fabrication. It is comprised of off-the-shelf, industrial-grade fabrication and electronics tools, wrapped in open source software.

Fab Labs include a laser cutter that makes 2D and 3D structures, a sign cutter that plots in copper to make antennas and flex circuits, a high-resolution NC milling machine that makes circuit boards and precision parts, a large wood router for building furniture and housing, and a suite of electronic components and programming tools for low-cost, high-speed microcontrollers for on-site rapid circuit prototyping.

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Fab Lab Oulu is the second fab lab existing in Finland. It provides you with a large set of tools, equipment, software, practices - shared according to the Fab Lab concept. Available for use are three 3D-printers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, precision milling machine, electronics workbenches and open source design software.

You can build your own prototypes or fulfill your needs for different research and education projects in Fab Lab Oulu. Fab Lab Oulu provides various machines, processes, codes, and capabilities that are easy-to-use and help bring your ideas into reality. In addition, Fab Lab Oulu provides you with the possibility to participate in various events, workshops, projects, and training activities for digital modeling and fabrication.

How Fab Lab works?

1. Register to Fab Lab Oulu Scheduler (http://fablab.oulu.fi/fablab/)
2. Come for a visit to explore our machines and capabilities
3. Design your own work
4. Ask help for estimating how much time your work needs
5. Reserve time for machine needed from Fab Lab scheduler
6. Bring your own materials
7. You are responsible for making your own design at your reserved time slot
8. Some machines need to be attended at all times while in use
9. Take extra materials with you or donate them to Fab Lab (Fab Lab is NOT a storage for users own materials)
10. Using machines is free
11. Small leftover materials can be found in the Fab Lab (come and check for yourself)
12. Staff can help you with machines and design problems

Our Facilities

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Finpedia is a Finnish company with a strong background in education and learning. We have a long experience in organizing Finnish Education Study Tours (FESTs) in Oulu and Helsinki. Our main goal is to provide high quality study tours with a strong educational focus and a hint of Finnish culture. We work with a large network of schools and specialists, so we can find suitable schools to visit for each group.

PROGRAM 1

Finnish Education Study Tour (FEST)

Finnish Education Study Tours – get familiar with Finnish Education System and have a taste of Finnish culture!

Finnish Education Study Tours (FEST) are high-quality programs which include visits to schools, organizations, and companies, discussions with educational experts (headmasters, teachers, stakeholders, researchers, students), lectures of requested subjects/themes and cultural program. Programs are mostly tailor-made but we also provide general FESTs for those who are traveling alone or are interested in meeting colleagues from other countries (dates can be found from our website). The visited schools are chosen carefully for each group and they usually are known from their innovative practices, pedagogy, architecture or use of technology.

Finnish Education Study Tours are usually 5-day-programs, from Monday to Friday, but also longer programs are available. In the basic program first four days are held in Oulu where the group will visit few schools every day. On the fifth day will be a day trip to Pudasjärvi and Rovaniemi by bus. The study tour ends with meeting with Santa Claus and visit to a reindeer farm. On last day participants will get certificates.

A guide from Finpedia will accompany the group for the whole study tour. All guides are educational experts and can provide additional information for participants and answer their questions. They are also making sure that group is fully enjoying their time in Finland and helping participants in their problems.

The program fee includes visits at schools and educational institutes in all levels, meetings and time to discuss with experts, materials, local transportation in Oulu area and Northern Finland, dinner on the final day and lunches during daily visits. Also, the additional program can be included in the program (For example Finnish sauna evening, visit to Koiteli rapid area or Tietomaa science center etc.).

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EXAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1, Monday  LESS IS MORE – Introduction to Finnish education system
8.30 am–9.00 am Transport from hotel to school visits
9.00 am–10.00 am The opening of the Finnish Education Study Tour (FEST)
10.00 am–11.30 pm Introduction to Finnish Education System and its specific features
11.30 am–0.30 pm Lunch
0.30 pm–2.00 pm Education in Oulu region and new national core curriculum
2.00 pm–3.00 pm Finpeda presentation: How to create the School of the Future
3.00 pm Transport to hotel

Day 2, Tuesday  EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL  – Getting familiar with the basic education
8.30 am–9.00 am Transport from hotel to school visits
9.00 am–11.30 am School visit at a kindergarten or a comprehensive school
11.30 am–0.30 pm Lunch
0.30 pm–3.00 pm School visit at a comprehensive school
3.00 pm Transport to hotel

Day 3, Wednesday  SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR LIFE – Overview to general upper secondary school and vocational education
8.30 am–9.00 am Transport from hotel to school visits
9.00 am–11.30 am School visit at an upper secondary school
11.30 am–1.00 pm Lunch
1.00 pm–3.00 pm School visit at a vocational school
3.00 pm Transport to hotel
Additional evening program - Finnish sauna and snacks

Day 4, Thursday  WHAT ARE FINNISH TEACHERS MADE OF? – A peak to teacher training and university studies
8.30 am–9.00 am Transport from hotel to University of Oulu
9.00 am–11.30 am Introduction to Finnish teacher training and university studies
11.30 am–0.30 pm Lunch
0.30 pm–3.00 pm Tour at the university, innovative technology and spaces
3.00 pm Transport to hotel

Day 5, Friday  THE EXPEDITION TO ARCTIC CIRCLE – the biggest log school in the world and Santa Claus Village
8.00 am–9.30 am Transport from Oulu to Pudasjärvi
9.30 am–11.30 am Visit at Pudasjärvi log school
11.30 am–2.00 pm Transportation from Pudasjärvi to Rovaniemi, lunch on the road
2.00 pm–4.00 pm Santa Claus Village
4.30 pm–6.00 pm Visit at the reindeer farm and farewell dinner
6.00 pm–9.00 pm Transport from Rovaniemi to Oulu
Ros Cooper – Professional Development Workshops emphasise a participatory, collaborative learning approach leading to post-workshop actions. Our team of content specialists plan and facilitate workshops according to the duration and the group’s specific requirements. A certificate of attendance is presented to participants on completion of a workshop.

Professional Development Workshop themes include Teaching English, Education for Sustainable Development, and Transforming Education. Workshops are arranged from half-a-day to multiple days, focusing on one or more themes.

Presentations and discussions about characteristics of Finnish Education are available on request.
PROGRAM 2

**Education for Sustainable Development**

Professional Development Workshop for English language teachers who would like to refresh their English language skills and explore creative ideas for producing materials and teaching English.

**Examples of workshop topics:**
- approaches to education for sustainable development
- pedagogies fostering leadership towards sustainable societies
- motivating and engaging learners
- developing knowledge, competencies and attitudes
- UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Sustainable Development Goals)
- integrating ESD in all subjects
- whole school initiatives
- rural-urban differences and regional variations
- ESD in the Finnish curriculum and context.

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PROGRAM 3

**Transforming Education**

Professional Development Workshop for teachers, principals, and educational administrators undertaking educational reform, for example, introducing new teaching methods, developing the curriculum, improving practices in schools and classrooms, increasing local community contact.

**Examples of workshop topics:**
- action research as a tool for agents of change
- identifying priorities, obstacles and possibilities
- action planning and implementation
- evaluation procedures
- post-workshop actions and support
- communicating change to stakeholders and a wider audience
- transforming education in the Finnish context.
PROGRAM 1

Art Workshop 1 Painting with artic berries
Do art painting your own painting using Finnish berries and other material.

In this workshop, you can smell and taste traditional Finnish berries and other materials, like liquorice. All the material is used as painting ingredients and they end up on paper, forming incredible color combinations. Making art in the workshop is free and hilarious — you can paint with your hands, feet or brushes, however you like. The workshop is suitable for all from babies to adults. You will get your own painting with you to bring back home. You should be prepared for paint splashes; we offer aprons to protect your clothes.

PROGRAM 2

Art Workshop 2 Finnish scenery
Become familiar with different materials from the Finnish nature. You can take home artwork built in a small box.

In this workshop, you will become familiar with different materials from the Finnish nature and how they can be used to make art. We will compose and build our own vision or the Finnish nature. We will use tree branches, cones, seeds, dried berries, lichen and so on as materials. Your piece of art is built in a small box, which you can take home with you as a memory.
KIERIKKI STONE AGE CENTRE

Kierikki Stone Age Centre and Stone Age Village, located on the banks of River Iijoki, form a unique combination of Finnish prehistory. Ongoing international excavations are with finds dating up to 4,000 BC. The main building is an award-winning huge log house with exhibition and restaurant.

Product description: Possibility for hands-on activities at the living Stone Age village. Research-based guidance and exhibition.
Target group: individuals, groups, families
Participant minimum/maximum: 10-20
Service languages: Finnish, English (available on request)
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: from July 1st to the 15th of September
Length of the program: 3 days
Location of the activity/program: Kierikki is 53 kilometer from Oulu
Distance from Oulu: one hour by car

PROGRAM 1

Excavation Camp in Stone Age Dwellings Site
Excavation camp at Kierikki Stone Age dwelling site, and hands-on activities at Stone Age Village and tour to nearby Stone Age sites.

Target group: individuals, groups, families
Participant minimum/maximum:
Service languages: Finnish, English (available on request)
Interpretation services: No
Length of the program: 3 hours
Location of the activity/program: Kierikki is 53 kilometer from Oulu
Distance from Oulu: one hour by car
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

PROGRAM 2

Stone Age Tribal Competition
The competition between different tribes takes place in Stone Age Village. The program is well-suited for team building or a day of recreation.

The tribes compete in different Stone Age tasks that can be solved with quick reasoning and good imagination. Right delegation of tasks and the ability to cooperate are also essential elements of success. The participants get to wear Stone Age style clothes.
PROGRAM 3
Camp School of Museum and Science Centre Luuppi
2 nights at Hotel KierikinHovi with a variety of selected activities

- Day 1: Arrival at Kierikki Stone Age Centre
- Guided tour in archaeological exhibition, tribal competition in Stone Age Village (includes learning ancient skills with the help of a Stone Age guide)
- Night in Hotel KierikinHovi
- Day 2: Drive to Oulu, guided walk in the park where Oulu Castle used to be, getting to know the history of Oulu in Northern Ostrobothnia Museum
- Art workshop in Oulu Museum of Art
- Lunch in Science Centre Tietomaa or in Turkansaari Open-Air Museum
- 3D super screen film, a science workshop and visiting the exhibitions of Science Centre Tietomaa or participating in various seasonal activities of an old farm-house in Turkansaari Open-Air Museum
- Return to Hotel KierikinHovi for another night

Target group: individuals, groups, families
Participant minimum/maximum: 10-30
Service languages: Finnish, English (available on request)
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: All year around from Monday to Friday. Turkansaari Museum: from mid-May to end of September. During the weekends the program is more expensive, but possible to arrange.
Length of the program: 2 days
Location of the activity/program: Kierikki is 53 kilometer from Oulu
Distance from Oulu: one hour by car
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No
Guided Tour into the history of North Ostrobothnian life in Turkansaari Open Air Museum

Turkansaari Open-Air Museum has a collection of buildings from the 17th to the 20th century. The history of Turkansaari as an open-air museum dates back to 1922 when the old church, from the year 1694, was restored to its original site. Turkansaari and Siikasaari island terrain is grass, farmyard, gravel and forest paths. The length of the walk is approximately 2 kilometers, in total.

A 2-hour program is divided into two parts, approximately 1 hour each. In the first part, visitors follow a guided walk in Turkansaari museum area with an experienced Oulu guide. During the walk along a traditional farmyard building complex, forest area and tar-making pit, our visitors are introduced to typical livelihoods, equipment and traditions characteristic to the Northern Ostrobothnia region right from the 17th century. The visitors learn about things like salmon fishing log floating and the history of pinewood tar making.

In the latter part, the guide leads the visitors to activity sports in the museum farmyard area and a nearby building where elf guides instruct visitors with traditional activities and handicraft. The activities are folk dance “jenkka”, in which visitors learn the basic steps of a traditional dance and handicraft in which visitors learn how to make their own wooden tassel, usable e.g. as a keyring or a decoration. The last activity is horseshoe throwing, a challenging game to test one’s arruracy.
LOVI

Lovi Ltd is a family run company based in Northern Finland. We produce flat packed 3D figures from wood, designed and patented by Anne Paso.

The products are 100% made in Finland and made from the highest Finnish quality, PEFC-certified birch plywood. The products are assembled by hands without any tools. The smallest Lovi products are envelope size and easy to send. Slotting cleverly together the beautiful Lovi shapes provide a sense of wonder as they take shape and come alive. All with the added, satisfaction of working with your hands.

THE STORY

“I wanted to create a wooden bauble for Christmas trees as an alternative to plastic ones in 2001. The very first version was a stick with veneer pieces glued to it. I quickly realized that it should be like a 3D puzzle, so that the end user is the one who has the satisfaction of putting it together. A new type of joint made the idea realizable as the pieces slot easily together. The package was then given a postcard-like label, and the product was ready to be sent. The very first samples were sent as season’s greetings all around the world in 2003.

Inspired by the encouraging start I keep designing new creatures to the Lovi World.”

PROGRAM 1

LOVI Workshop

Welcome to creative LOVI world! You get to spend unforgettable time with loved Lovi creatures.

The workshop begins with an introduction to LOVI company and designing process of LOVI products via ‘LOVI from past to present’ exhibition. After that you get to choose from your favorite figure from amongst a few choices and start your artistic process of turning a LOVI character into your own. Use your imagination and enjoy the joy of doing. The LOVI workshop includes painting and assembling LOVI figures.
Oulu Music Festival is a two-week, artistically diverse urban festival focusing on classical, jazz and folk music as well as contemporary dance and circus. We host an international selection of artists and organize master classes for young gifted musicians.

PROGRAM 1
Oulu Music Festival international masterclasses

Oulu Music Festival organizes international masterclasses in classical piano and voice during March 18 – 22, 2019. Students will get daily private lessons during the course. Some of the students also get the possibility to perform at the festival on Friday, March 22nd. The course is also available for passive students who can attend by following the tuition of the masterclasses.

Target group: Advanced students in classical music (piano and voice)
Participant minimum/maximum: Participants are selected based on applications, numbers depend on structure of individual master class
Service languages: English, Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: week 12, 2019
Length of the program: 5 days, Mon - Fri
Location of the activity/program: Oulu University of Applied Sciences, Department of Culture
Distance from Oulu: Location is in Oulu
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Available on request

PROGRAM 2
Oulu Music Festival international masterclasses

Oulu Music Festival organizes international masterclasses in rhythm music during week 11. Teaching will be done in group sessions. All the students will perform at the final concert of the masterclass on Friday March 15th at Vanha Paloasema Bar. The course is also available for passive students who can attend by following the tuition of the group sessions. Besides the group sessions, there’s also a series of lectures given by the teachers for both active and passive students.
SuperPark is the friendliest indoor activity park in the world! SuperPark has a wide range of activities, such as obstacle walls, trampolines, play towers, slides, different ball games, parkour, a gymnastics floor and the skate and scoot world, to name a few.

**PROGRAM 1**

SuperPark LX – learning math in SuperPark

SuperPark LX is a concept which offer school students an entertaining and sporty learning experience in math.

Math lessons in SuperPark combine movement, mathematics, logical thinking, problem solving and inspiring story telling. The content of the lessons have been developed based on the curriculum targets for 3rd/4th graders, but can also be tailored for other age groups.

There are many benefits in SuperPark’s mathematical learning experience: inspiring learning outside the classroom, strengthening self-confidence and school motivation, increasing exercise and joy, developing group working skills and strengthening intellectual and motor skills.
GO ARCTIC DMC

Go Arctic is a strong northern tour operator and DMC that offers travel and program services in Oulu Region and whole Finland. We build the program packages for your customers whether it is a leisure trip, camp school, educational or technical visit. If you need leisure activities to complete your program in our area, Go Arctic program services cover city tour guidings as well as nature activities winter and summer. We handle the official guide booking in Oulu Region.

PROGRAM 1

Nature day in Koiteli

During the day you will have the opportunity to test and learn wilderness skills safely under supervision of our guides.

Welcome to Koiteli located by river Kiiminkijoki to spend a wonderful outdoors day in a good company! Word Koiteli comes from Sami language and means “in the middle”.

You get to enjoy fun outdoor activities in an island located in the middle of two rapids.

Beautiful surroundings, ancient trees and the silence surrounding you will give you the feeling of being also in the center of yourself.

During the day you will have the opportunity to test and learn some wilderness skills. You can try out canoeing in summer, sledging and snowshoeing in winter. You can carve wood, learn how to make fire and take part in a handicraft workshop. You get to know reindeer and hear the fascinating stories of a local reindeer herder. In Tunnelmatupa hut you get to bake some traditional Finnish buns. Very delightful day with traditional Finnish tasks it is.

Lunch will be enjoyed by an open fire (please note, lunch is an optional service) and if you decide to book this program for evening you get to enjoy 3 course dinner; salmon cooked by open fire as main course (optional service).
PROGRAM 2

Art and Craft = HANDMADE HAPPINESS

Art and craft workshops in Maakari House of Arts and Crafts. During an art and craft workshop you will make your very own and one-of-a-kind souvenir.

Art and craft workshops take place in Maakari House of Arts and Crafts, a historical wooden house in the very heart of Oulu. During an art and craft workshop you will make your very own and one-of-a-kind souvenir. Open mind and eager hands are all you need! We guarantee you a big smile and a splendid sense of success and joy.

After the workshop session you may take a look at the wide range of unique, high-quality products which Maakari House of Arts and Crafts offers. Maakari’s selection includes gifts, souvenirs, interior design products, clothes, accessories and Oulu related products that are either handmade or produced by small scale manufacturers.

Hanna’s rose / Duration 1 hour
You are welcome to decorate your home or coat collar with a romantic paper string rose made by yourself. The twisted paper rose is named after Miss Hanna who used to live in the house. Actually, we often get the feeling that she is still here with us…

Pearl necklace / Duration 1 hour
Make a classical one-row necklace or bracelet using “pearls” made out of wood, felt or birch bark.

Oulu painting / Duration 2 hours
Create your own Oulu painting with chalk paints. These unique water-based decorative paints are non-toxic. We have prepared a wide selection of Oulu-themed pictures for you to take your pick. You transfer your picture to the wooden background of your soon-to-be painting with furniture lacquer. Be happy with your art!

Green Craft -basket / Duration 2,5 hours
In the old times baskets were woven from splint or birchbark. Now you will weave your basket using recycled felt Green Craft. It is a Finnish recycled wool felt for handicrafts retailed by Finnish Arts and Crafts Organization Taito. What a great combination of traditional technique of basket weavings and today’s innovative recycled material!

Magic of candles / Duration 3 hours
Making handmade candles is an easy skill to learn! You cast your candle in a small jar which you can decorate with natural materials. When you have burned the candle, you may cast a new one in the same jar or use it as a candle holder for readymade candles.

ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH A brunch / Duration 4 hours
Enjoy three workshops in one: jewellery workshop (felted flower ring), metal wire workshop (heart shaped hook) and paper workshop (paper rose). While working you get to enjoy a delicious brunch in Cafe Hanna. As an option Miss Hanna, the signature ghost of the Maakari House, may join the brunch and tell fascinating stories about the history of Oulu.
PROGRAM 3
Meeting the Tar Elfs

Pine tree tar made Oulu rich and internationally known in early days. This program is suitable for school groups to learn about the tar tradition and about the history of the Oulu region in Turkansaari Open-Air museum.

Tar Elfs are fairy tale characters created by Päivi Honkakoski and Ludi Wang in their book Tar Elf Toivo. In this program you will meet Tar elves in beautiful surroundings of Turkansaari Open-Air museum by Oulujoki River. Elves take the group around the museum area and give you short guided tour on history and tradition of tar. You will also play old, traditional Finnish games with elves and visit the buildings in museum area and learn how people lived in this area in early days.

PROGRAM 4
Go Arctic Guided tours

Oulu region Tourist Guides are at your service when you or your guests want to familiarize yourselves with the city of Oulu. Excursions and site visits get new content and become much more rewarding when you have an expert guide telling you the hidden stories from the past to present! The tours can be done in several different languages. Starting time and starting location of the tour as agreed. The program is available all year round.

Guided bus tour
Today the people of Oulu design software, produce the finest paper in the world, do business all over the world and provide high quality services for each other and tourists. This tour takes you to the river, seaside, marshlands and woods.

You will visit the old and new monumental centres of Oulu, the sites of culture and technology. During your tour, you will hear stories about the tar merchants, ship builders, sea farers and salmon fishing during the history of Oulu. Sightseeing tours by bus to neighbouring municipalities are also available.

Guided walk
Something old, something new and a little bit of blue. A walk from one to two hours takes you from the old monumental centre to the new one. The guide will tell you about the persons and events of the past, show you where the long narrow boats full of tar barrels landed and lead you to the old storehouses and to the market hall guarded by the statue of a policeman. You will revealed the humorous stories behind this figure loved by everyone.
**EVENTOURS**

Eventours brings you a wide selection of travel services designed specifically for groups. Whether you want new experiences, luxury, adventure or just peace and quiet Eventours is the only address you need for your program and activity services. We also arrange restaurants and local transportation when needed.

Our services are located close to the city of Oulu. Some activities are available straight from the city center. For example you can go on a canoeing trip from the Market Place located right by the Bothnic Sea! Or in winter you can enjoy the adventure on the frozen sea. How about icefishing on the ice of the Bothnic Sea?

We also have many partners close to Oulu organizing activities into the Finnish wilderness.

**PROGRAM 1**

**Nature trip – a glimpse of Finnish style of nature experience**

This trip is specially for groups who want to spend time in the nature as Finns do. For Finns nature is very important – fresh air, observing nature and its wonders, getting familiar to Finnish ways to enjoy the outdoor life.

This program includes five different activities for group. All of them are typical Finnish way to spend time in outdoors so you can learn how the Finns spend time outdoors. Activities varies depending of the season – in winter frozen sea and snow, autumn and its colors and spring changing to summer. Finnish traditional games such as “mölkky” and “ritsa” become familiar and of course in winter we have totally different games. Every season has their own specialities and this programme gives you a great possibility to learn some Finnish culture and of course, have some fun! And there is no nature trip without sausages grilled by open fire!

**PROGRAM 2**

**Visit to authentic reindeer farm Panuma**

Get familiar with reindeer herding only 60 km from Oulu. Authentic farm which have had reindeers for centuries. Visitors can feed the reindeers, hear stories of reindeer herding and get familiar with farms every day life middle of Finnish wilderness. The are also old houses from old times where you can visit.

Three generations lives at the same yard, grand mother has self picked up berries in dessert and cakes and all food is made finnish style – like they have done for centuries. Dinner is served in lappish style Kota (hut) and open fire gives extra warmness to our guests. Small river Panuma flows right next to Kota.

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PROGRAM 3

Aurora hunting – Chasing the Northern Lights!

Welcome to snowy bus trip and chase the Northern Lights in a Polar Night! Trip starts from a hotel, guests are equipped with warm overalls and double decker Snow Express bus will pick the group and adventure can start! Guided tour includes a trip to wilderness and we are chasing famous Northern Lights. Bus will drive around Oulu area and its wilderness chasing after Northern Lights – at the same time you can enjoy snowy landscapes, listen stories about Northern Lights and winter in wilderness.

Come and experience winterwonderland in the wilderness, where electric light do not disturb the experience. We will see river running freely in snowy Koiteli, enjoying sound or flowing water in a breathtaking scenery. Bus is heated downstairs, and when we stop, you can take photos from upper floor which is partly outdoors. Or you can hop off from the bus and enjoy this spectacular show of the nature outside. During the trip warm drink and hot sausages grilled by open camp fire.

Welcome to adventure of chasing Northern Lights!

PROGRAM 4

Nallikari Winter Village 2019

Welcome to Nallikari Winter Village! Winter Village is full of action for families and children from February to April. Besides all the action, Winter Village is excellent place to get familiar with building with show and ice. Just walk on the ice fo Bothnic Sea is something that foreign visitor will remember for ever!
PROGRAM 6

In the steps of tar rowers

These river waves have been carrying a variety of local skilled people, from tar rowers to log floaters. These waterways used to serve as the vivid veins of the local economic life. Furthermore, this was the route for the merchandise to get to the markets of the outer world. Salmon fishers throughout Europe used to arrive here in the early days to enjoy the atmosphere at these rapids.

Through ages, the Oulujoki river has kept up its role with pride as the main river of the Region of Northern Ostrobothnia. When you travel through the river, you will be surprised what a world of its own these streams have created.

The atmosphere at the river is very unique. The waves lapping on the boat carry their own stories of the times of the tar rowers. Oulu Safaris will take you on a historic journey on the Oulujoki river with our tar boats. The journey may begin from Maikkula Mansion (or Nokkala beach) and ends to Outdoors Museum Turkansaari.

A boat trip is an excellent opportunity to familiarize and learn yourself with the river environment. At the beautiful Turkansaari outdoors museum you will get a good idea how life used to be here in the past decades and centuries on our guided tour.

Welcome to a River Journey!
FINLANDIA HOTEL AIRPORT OULU

Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu is a beautiful hotel at the seashore located 4 km from the Oulu airport. The hotel is at a very peaceful location by the sea with a beautiful sea view. The Vihiluoto nature trail leaves from the hotel and continues to the seashore and the Kempeleenlahti bay, where bird lovers can see numerous birds. The hotel has its own Spanish restaurant and a Lappish hut by the frozen sea. There is also a great Finnish sauna in the hotel.

PROGRAM 1

Camp School program in Vihiluoto: Nature and Nightless Night

Experience the Nightless Night and the Arctic Nature in Finland and do it like the Finns do!

Day 1:
Dinner at Lappish hut Vihiluoto by the sea.
Dinner is prepared in the Lappish hut by the sea by open fire. Enjoy eating and being outside.

Day 2:
Nature trip Vihiluoto
Fresh air and learning traditional Finnish outdoor games and activities
Lunch at Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu
Shopping at Zeppelin shopping mall
Dinner at the hotel
Nightless night Canoeing trip. Experience the white nights in the north and see the City of Oulu and the Oulujoki river delta from the sea
Evening snack at the hotel

Day 3:
Visit to Kempele local museum with a guide — learn the Finnish history in an interesting way
Lunch at Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu
Fatbiking at Vihiluoto nature trail

Target group: Camp school learners
Participant minimum/maximum: 15-20
Service languages: Finnish/English
Interpretation services: Yes, Chinese/Japanese (separate price)
Availability/Seasonality: May - September
Length of the program: 3 days
Location of the activity/program: Vihiluoto 10, Kempele
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes

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PROGRAM 2

Camp School program in Vihluoto: Northern lights, Finnish Christmas and frozen sea

See the Northern Lights on Aurora hunting tour, experience the traditional Finnish Christmas with Santa Claus and enjoy our Christmas menu. Feel the atmosphere of the frozen sea and Lappish hut, where a Lappish dinner is served.

Day 1:
Dinner at Lappish hut Vihluoto.
Dinner is prepared in the Lappish hut by the frozen sea by open fire. Enjoy eating and great company in Lappish atmosphere under the stars.

Day 2:
Nature trip Vihluoto
Fresh air and learning traditional Finnish games by the frozen sea.
Lunch at Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu
Meeting the Santa Claus and learning about traditional Finnish Christmas and enjoying Christmas menu at Kempele local museum
Aurora hunting tour by bus. Learning about the Northern lights phenomenon. (Incl. snacks)

Day 3:
Visit to Nallikari Winter Village, see the reindeers and husky dogs, and play with the snow
Lunch at Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu
Snowshoeing at the frozen sea or Vihluoto nature trail
Visit to Shopping Centre Zeppelin

Target group: Camp school learners
Participant minimum/maximum: 15 -20
Service languages: Finnish/English
Interpretation services: Yes, Chinese/Japanese (separate price)
Availability/Seasonality: September – April ( The sea is frozen usually January – March. In other times the activities at the frozen sea are done in Vihluoto nature and seashore.
Length of the program: 3 days, 2 nights
Location of the program: Vihluoto 10, Kempele
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
**M/S OULU, MERELLINEN OULU ASSOCIATION: EDUCATION AND NATURE ACTIVITIES IN M/S OULU**

Education and Nature Activities in m/s Oulu is an education camp designed for children and adolescents between ages 7 to 18 years. Education camp takes place in the vessel m/s Oulu, her home port is Toppila Harbour, Oulu, Finland. Address to the ship is Pitkänmöljäntie 26, Oulu, which is located 4 kilometers from the city center and 20 kilometers from Oulu Airport.

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**PROGRAM 1**

**Education and Nature Activities in m/s Oulu, a one-night education camp**

Education and Nature Activities in m/s Oulu is an education camp designed for children and adolescents between ages 7 to 18 years. Education camp takes place in the vessel m/s Oulu, her home port is Toppila Harbour, Oulu, Finland. Address to the ship is Pitkänmöljäntie 26, Oulu, which is located 4 kilometers from the city center and 20 kilometers from Oulu Airport.

M/S Oulu was built in 1963 in Finland as a merchant ship. The association Merellinen Oulu got possession of the ship in 2007 with the aim of maintaining the ship in sailing register, promoting nautical culture, and training and educating in various nautical activities. M/s Oulu offers cruising on sea as requested between May and October, from one hour to weeks. The ship also offers marine training for active seamen and general audience. The ship comes with a qualified crew and a sufficient number of catering personnel.

For the purposes of Education and Nature Activities in m/s Oulu education camp we are able to offer cruising on sea, nautical activities in sea and shore, various nature activities in the archipelago of Oulu, and full catering and accommodation. The ship also boasts modern information technology facilities for education, as well as classroom and group work spaces including WiFi in ports.

**Product description**

**First day:**
- arriving to m/s Oulu in the morning
- welcome gathering, presentation of the crew, safety instructions
- off to the sea, accommodating into cabins
- guided tours on ship
- buffet lunch
- tea and light refreshments available in mess at all times
- nautical activities at sea
- arriving to the island of Röyttä, landing on island
- light walk and activities in northern island nature
- dinner on ship
- social gathering and entertainment on beach over the camp fire

**Second day:**
- breakfast on board after a good night’s sleep
- off to the sea, sailor’s bends
- arriving to home port at mid-morning, farewell and see you next time!

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Target group: Groups, families, school groups
Minimum age, if required: from 7 years
Participant minimum/maximum: group of 10 to 22 persons
Service languages: Finnish, English
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: From May 15th to the end of October
Location of the activity/program: 2 days and 1 night
Distance from Oulu: To the ship, about 10 minutes from city centre
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No
PROGRAM 2
Education and Nature Activities in m/s Oulu, a two–night education camp

First day:
- arriving to m/s Oulu at noon
- welcome gathering, presentation of the crew, safety instructions
- off to the sea, accommodating into cabins
- buffet lunch
- guided tours on ship
- tea and light refreshments available in mess at all times
- nautical activities in sea
- arriving to the island of Hailuoto, landing on island
- transportation by bus across the island to the old fishing and pilot village with the lighthouse
- back to ship for dinner
- social gathering and entertainment in beach over the camp fire

Second day:
- breakfast on board after a good night’s sleep
- transportation to the little zoo for domestic animals, learning about the animals, petting and feeding them
- Chinese picnic lunch in a hut with open fire
- light hiking in nature trail, learning about local moss and lichen, refreshments in nature
- back to ship for pre-dinner activity, learning about arctic food
- Finnish dinner on ship
- social gathering and entertainment

Third day:
- breakfast on board after a good night’s sleep
- off to the sea, nautical activities at sea, sailor’s bends
- arriving to home port at noon, farewell and see you next time!
FINNOPPI OY

FINNOPPI OY has deep understanding and knowledge of Finland-China education systems and local context. We deliver excellence of education concept and learning methods to meet the needs of diverse groups. We organize customized training for principals, teachers, curriculum developers, kindergarten teachers and administrators in Finland and China. We also provide vocational teacher qualification training in cooperation with top universities in Finland. For cooperation between schools, we help Finnish schools and Chinese schools to connect and build sister school partnership and organize themed study tours for students and families to Finland. In addition, we organize themed annual education events and forums in Finland and China.

PROGRAM 1

Themed Study Tours

Our custom study tour is designed to introduce students to new skills and gain a unique cultural perspective by active participation in local schools and lifestyle.

Packed with innovative and educational programs such as STEAM workshop, animation film, home economics class, PE class, music class, and craft class, our study tours are tailored to stimulate all the senses with a mix of learning and activities. Along with an invaluable educational program, students get to visit wonderful sights and magnificent places in Finland. Our Themed Study Tour is crafted to accommodate group learning goals and provides the grounding and perspective to become thoughtful global citizens.

PROGRAM 2

Customized Training Programs

Our customized training delivers comprehensive and interactive programs by education experts to meet.

Training programs are collaborated by experienced teaching professionals from universities and education experts from public and private sectors, who bring a wealth of knowledge and practical experience to the classroom. The training is tailored to different group like teachers, principals, administrators, educational institutions and organizations. Program content focus on pedagogical knowledge, teaching methodologies, classroom observations, applications, and roundtables. We also arrange weekend excursions for our groups to experience the magnificent nature and culture of Finland.

PROGRAM 3

Education conferences and events

International conferences connect education professionals in the field to present relevant innovation initiatives and provide inspiration.

Annual conference is organized to provide a platform to present new perspectives, exchange of experiences, and discuss existing relevant projects, topics, and challenges in education sector. Activities at the events include speakers, workshops, and networking sessions.
FCIE / DAN WANG

FCIE is a high-level international exchange and cooperation platform between China and Finland. FCIE have excellent experts and consultants resources between China and Finland with cooperation experiences.

Responsibilities include Building education platform between China and Finland, Match-making of sister schools in all education levels, Building teacher training bases in Nordic area, Promotion the education activities of teachers and students, Holding/organization international education Conferences / Seminars/ Forum, Students Exchange Program, Promoting the exchange of education research between Finland and China.

Value & Mission: Innovate & Create, Connect & Share, Train & Customize, WIN & WIN

Minimum age, if required: 7
Participant minimum/maximum: 7-15
Service languages: Chinese and English
Interpretation services: Chinese/English/Finnish
Availability/Seasonality: full of year
Length of the program: 7-15days
Location of the activity/program: Northern Finland + Helsinki & Tulku
Distance from Oulu: 30 min-3 hours
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes

PROGRAM 1

2019 Family Camp/Arts Camp/International Camp/Sport Camp/Innovation & IT code camp

We can provide your child with an immersive cultural experience: living, eating, and breathing Finnish youth culture- just short of being an Finnish!
PROGRAM 1
Mental Well-being Training and Retreat
Conducted in the peaceful nature, this program through workshops, outdoor activities, individual and group work.

Short introduction
Named by UN as the happiest country in the world and blessed with clean air and serene forests, Finland provides the perfect setting for people to release stress, improve sleep and recharge. Conducted in the peaceful nature of Northern Finland, this mental well-being training and retreat program is designed to help you boost your energy. Through workshops, outdoor activities, individual and group work you’ll receive the opportunity for self-reflection, learning and relaxation, and recapture the joy of life. Of course, your retreat can be customized to fit your wishes and needs.

Why a Stress, Silence and Solitude Retreat?
Stress is a growing issue in our society and if left untended, it can have serious effects on physical and mental health. We understand that stress is a painful warning signal that something in your life is not right. During the program, we will help you to recognize and understand the mechanisms that cause the stress and support you to regain control over your life.

Challenge yourself! Take time to step away from your familiar surroundings and focus on your wellbeing in a calm and peaceful setting.

Why this program?
We want to help you to recognize, address and remove obstacles towards a balanced life in a quiet and cozy place in the tranquility of the Finnish countryside.

- A well-structured and designed retreat with a variety of activities
- A proven track record of trip management
- A professional, bilingual team
- In-depth knowledge of the Scandinavian countries

About the expert
Aaltje (Ata) Bos is an experienced health expert, and has worked for in psychiatric and general hospitals in the Netherlands and Germany. With strong academic background, Ata holds Bachelor's degree in nursing, Master’s degree in Health Sciences, a teaching degree. Ata is currently studying toward an MBA in International Healthcare Management at the University of Cumbria, UK. Having worked for the City of Oulu for more than 16 years in the areas of digital health, business development, communications, journalism and expatriate coaching, Ata feels she is acutely aware of the need for cross-cultural sensitivity and clear communication.
Program for the camp
During the retreat, we will help you to recognize and understand the mechanisms that cause the stress in your life and support you to regain control over your life. Except indoor group classes / workshops, depending on the season, relaxing activities such as snow rides, berry picking, canoeing and hiking will be included in the retreat. And of course, from September to April, we'll keep an eye on the Arctic night sky for the spectacular Northern Lights.

Day 1
• Arrival-coffee/tea
• Introduction-The theory of stress and burnout -lecture
• Identification of stressful and happy times-individual work
• Identifying the causes of stress and coping strategies-individual work
• Stress, silence and solitude-embracing solitude - be with yourself-outdoor activity.

Day 2
• Coping strategies-lecture
• Self-image, and what others hear and see-individual exercise
• Stress-communications and body language-group exercise
• Stress on stage. The story of my life-group exercise
• Massage
• Outdoor activities

Day 3
• Loneliness- communications and body language
• Connecting with others-individual work
• Observing beauty exercise/outdoors
• Sauna-hot-tub relaxation

Day 4
• Loneliness and the pros and cons of technology-lecture
• Stress on stage. The story of my life
• Making change-create to do list-tackle tough things-set goals for the time to come
• Farewell and departure

PROGRAM 2
Internship in Oulu
This program provides international colleague students an opportunity to work with Finnish businesses and entrepreneurs, and to experience the authentic culture of Nordic life.

Globalization requires modern students to be equipped with more international background and knowledge. Internship abroad allows students to broaden their horizon, learn how to build team spirit and trust colleagues from all around the world, so they can understand and adapt to various cultural backgrounds more easily, and gain more confidence when working with international corporates after graduation. Hohot Consulting Oy, as one of the largest consulting firms in Northern Finland focusing on facilitating business and education collaborations between Finland and Asia, has an extensive network with Finnish companies and years of experiences organizing internship opportunities for international college students in Finland. During their internship in Finland, international students not only can gain the working experience, but also experience the authentic culture of Nordic life.

Process:
Paper application → Online communication → Matchmaking → Online interview → Internship agreement → Travel arrangement → Arrive in Oulu → Training on working in Finland → Internship → Certificate → Return home

• Why internship in Finland
• Working directly with Finnish entrepreneurs
• Pure nature and authentic Nordic culture
• World-famous Nordic innovations and start-ups
• Recommendation letters granted by Finnish companies
• International experience and insights

Note:
• Possible to add tourism leisure activities into the program.
• Internship companies have the final decision whether to accept the student.
FINLAND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE CENTRE (FIEEC)

With connections to Finnish several cities, schools and universities, we make the Finnish education experience available to the world. We arrange educational programs such as school visits and teacher trainings for adults/professional, as well as joining classes with local Finnish students and home stay for pupils and students.

Program
Experience Finland: An Education Expert Training Program

Choosing this program, participants will have an unforgettable experience in Finland by learning Finnish education essential topics and visiting schools at different levels.

Product description: A new and exciting experience in Finland - a Nordic country with the best education and welfare system in the world. During the education expert training program, participants will get deep knowledge of Finnish education system, Finnish curriculum development, implementation and management at the school level, as well as different tools used in learning and education. Participants will then have a better understand of theories at practical level by paying visits to Finnish schools in different levels. This program is co-organized with the University of Oulu – Science with arctic attitude.

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Target group: Education professional, teachers, school principals
Participant minimum/maximum: 10/25
Service languages: Chinese, English, Finnish
Interpretation services: Yes, Chinese or English
Availability/Seasonality: Jan.- May, Sep.- Dec.
Length of the program: 11 days, Oulu minimum 5 days
Location of the activity/program: Oulu/ Rovaniemi/ Helsinki
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
2 EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN THE OULU REGION
2.1 ROKUA GEOPARK

ROKUA HEALTH & SPA HOTEL

Rokua Health & Spa Hotel provides camp schools, holiday and congress services for different groups, individuals, adults, children and both young and senior guests. Our guests enjoy pleasant stay combined to different programs and activities during all seasons. Our diverse hotel services and the unique natural setting cater to all tastes. A diverse selection of activities is available all year round.

Rokua Health & Spa Hotel is located in the heart of Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark. The region is a unique entity by its geological, biological and cultural characteristics. That’s why it serves ideal venue for educational camps where pupils can learn about ecosystems, sustainability, climate change and the great story of our Earth. The region also offers possibilities for international school exchanges and visits in local schools. Rokua Health & Spa Hotel is the main coordinator and organizer of Camp Schools in Rokua Geopark and the location is ideal. only one hour drive from Oulu Airport.

Minimum age, if required: 8-16 years
Participant minimum/maximum: 10 – 20 / group
Service languages: English, Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Year round, every weekday
Length of the program: 6 days
Location of the activity/program: Rokua Health & Spa Hotel
Distance from Oulu: 60 minutes
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes

Rokua Geo Camp School

The Geo Camp School is organized in the unique environment of Rokua Unesco Global Geopark. The program includes guided and self-oriented lessons and activities conducted by Finnish teachers, nature guides and physical instructors.

The purpose of Geo Camp School is to understand the values of natural and cultural diversity and the different ways how we can prove the quality of our environment and make it better for our next generations; “sustainable way of living”. The program contains information about ecosystems, landforms, sustainable development, climate change and the meaning of nature for human being. The activities include i.e. educational hiking, professional’s lessons, nature observation, berry and mushroom picking, cooking, skiing lessons and different games and group works. The activities respect qualified pedagogical methods like peer learning, problem based learning, exploratory teaching and learning by doing. The program can be tailored to the group’s needs.

As belonging to a UNESCO program, one of the main missions of Geoparks is to enhance environmental education and offer knowledge of the region’s unique nature and culture. The educational activities served by Rokua Health & Spa Hotel have been developed together with local schools, Finnish universities, earth scientists etc. and they include both traditional and modern Finnish teaching methods.

Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark offers ideal settings to encounter environmental topics from different points of views and at the same time to enjoy the pureness, beauty and safety of Nordic nature. The Geopark’s special arctic character, endless mosaic of boreal forests, mires and lakes, long winter and Finnish traditions make it an interesting area for a variety of visitors.
SUPPA VISITOR CENTRE

The Suppa Visitor Centre located in Rokua is the Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark’s main information centre. The Visitor Centre has an exhibition describing the formation of the Geopark area: Rokua – The Island that the Sea Abandoned. The exhibition themes are: geology, human history, nature and the present day. The exhibition texts are in Finnish and English. Visitors may also have a look at a scale model of the Rokua Esker Formation, which illustrates the unique surface forms of the area shaped by ice, water and wind.

The Visitor Centre also has a café, a small souvenir shop and public internet as well as conference, teaching and sauna facilities. All of the Visitor Centre’s premises have been designed to be accessible to people with restricted mobility. Holiday homes and other accommodations at Rokua and in the neighbouring areas can also be rented via the Visitor Centre.

Rokua is known for its excellent network of hiking, mountainbiking and cross-country skiing trails available free of charge for every visitor. Mountainbikes, snowshoes and winter clothes can be rented for a small fee at the Suppa Visitor Centre. Guided hiking tours, mountainbike and diving courses, fishing trips on the huge lake Oulujärvi are further services offered in Rokua.

The Visitor Centre is the departure point for the various trails of the Rokua esker and dune area.

PROGRAM 1

Suppa Visitor Center: Exhibition and Guided Excursion

Compact Geopark knowledge on the basis of our permanent exhibition as well as a guided excursion in the lichen-covered hilly landscape of Rokua shaped by the Ice Age.

Your stay begins with a journey back until the last Ice Age when 2,6 kilometers thick glaciers covered the Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark area and pressed the billions of years old bedrock deep in the Earth’s mantle. Follow with keen interest what happened when the giant ice masses started to melt and powerful bodies of melting water relocated vast amounts of sediment in the Rokua Geopark area. Wind, surges, huge melting blocks of ice, swamp formation and human beings are responsible for the todays mosaic of landscapes and habitats.

Following the exhibition, we go out and enjoy nature: fossil dunes, crystal clear kettle holes, open bogs, exotic lichen species, traces of former forest fires and interesting information about edible lichen, berries and mushrooms. Everyone interested in unspoilt Finnish wilderness will get enthusiastic about our Geopark.
PROGRAM 2

Suppa Visitor Centre: Booking Services

We arrange private summer cabins and apartments as well as hotelrooms in the area of the Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark. The majority of the accommodations is located in the Rokua esker and dune area, a popular recreation area in the heart of the Rokua Geopark.

The Suppa Visitor Centre provides information about the National Park as well as about the complete area of the Rokua Geopark, including the services offered in those areas.

All accommodations that can be booked via Suppa are easy to reach by car. Generally, own sauna and a well-equipped kitchen belong to the basic facilities of accommodations. Most accommodations have a fireplace (firewood is included in the rental fee). We are happy to welcome you to spend an unforgettable, recreative holiday in our wonderful Geopark!
MUHOS UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Muhos Upper Secondary School is a small school of about 170 students, located in the municipality of Muhos in Finland. Our students are mainly 16-18 years of age. Our school has a principal staff of 10 teachers and additional 6-7 teachers who teach mainly in our neighbouring secondary school. We have a shared support staff (maintenance, office staff etc.) with the secondary school in Muhos.

Muhos Upper Secondary School provides education in general subjects according to our local curriculum, which is, in turn, based on the national core curriculum for general upper secondary education in Finland.

Muhos Upper Secondary School has chosen four focus areas: entrepreneurship, programming, sustainable living and Geopark. These are our areas of expertise which we are delighted to share with others, too.

PROGRAM 1
Robotics and programming
Basics of programming using Micro:bit. This develops mathematical skills and logical thinking.

After a short introduction on programming in general, the pupils will learn the basics of creating code with the help of Micro:bit. They will work on small programming projects, chosen to suit each group's skills, with the help of a teacher and/or tutor students. No previous experience of programming is needed but basic IT skills are a prerequisite.

PROGRAM 2
Outdoor sports
Different outdoor sports, depending on the season, including for example disc golf, hiking, winter sports in the nearby areas.

The pupils will be given instructions and guidance in the particular sport or activity chosen by a teacher and/or tutor students. Depending on the season, it can be disc golf, a short hiking trip or snowshoeing. If the weather conditions are not ideal for outdoor sports activities (e.g. heavy rain), it will be possible to choose an indoor sport instead.
UTAJÄRVI UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Municipality of Utajärvi is situated in the province of Oulu, 60 km from the City of Oulu. River Oulujoki runs through Utajärvi and the northernmost Geopark in the world, Rokua Geopark, is partially situated in Utajärvi. This rural area is especially renowned for its beauty of nature, and offers both the residents and the tourists clean air, unpolluted nature, enjoyment and recreation.

The population of Utajärvi is about 3000 inhabitants. Utajärven lukio, Utajärvi upper secondary school (students aged 16-19), has 46 students and 8 teachers. We are in the same building with Utajärven koulu, Utajärvi comprehensive school, in which there are grades 0-9 (students aged 6-15) and so many of our teachers work in the whole of secondary education.

Utajärvi upper secondary school takes pride over the fact that we are a lively, supportive, international, pro-technology school which makes all the effort to support all of our students individually, so that nobody would be left out.

We work in cooperation with Rokua Geopark (ever since spring 2010), for example, we have a Geopark-course in our upper secondary school. We have had Comenius-projects (2011-2013 and 2013-2015) which dealt with nature local Geoparks.

Since 1996 Utajärvi Upper Secondary School has been involved in The GLOBE Program and has earned the rare distinction of having taken and reported environmental data, without fail, for over twenty straight years. Using data from the school’s Davis automated weather station (Vantage Pro model) students and teachers take the automated data and enter the data manually to the GLOBE database and the school database. Daily they record precipitation, temperature, pressure, wind, snow depth, and UV, with dedicated crews gathering the data even on weekends; all holidays and during summer vacation! Very soon the school is set to achieve an astonishing milestone: 50,000 measurements!

Target group: Students and/or teachers
Minimum age, if required: 15 years old
Participant minimum/maximum: max. 30 people
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Mid-August - beginning of May. Only weekdays between 9-15. There are exam weeks and holidays which differ yearly and those periods are not suitable.
Length of the program: Flexible as described, 1-2 hours
Location of the activity/program: Utajärvi school
Distance from Oulu: About 60 min by car.
Certificate/Diploma of participation: If needed, yes.

PROGRAM 1

Utajärvi school introduction
1-2 hour visit to Utajärvi school. A guided tour around the school facilities introducing Utajärvi school and the Finnish school system.

School tours (1-2 hours): Guided by local upper secondary school students, getting to know the school facilities, classrooms etc. and getting to know the Finnish curriculum and specialties offered by Utajärvi school (e.g. IT in learning, international education, Geopark school status). Possibility to include also school lunch.

Target group: Students and/or teachers
Minimum age, if required: 15 years old
Participant minimum/maximum: max. 30 people
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Mid-August - beginning of May. Only weekdays between 9-15. There are exam weeks and holidays which differ yearly and those periods are not suitable.
Length of the program: Flexible as described, 2-4 hours
Location of the activity/program: Utajärvi school
Distance from Oulu: about 60 min by car.
Certificate/Diploma of participation: If needed, yes.

PROGRAM 2

School workshops at Utajärvi school
2-4 hour program including workshops on different themes, or a combination of school introduction, workshops and school lunch.

2-4 hour program at Utajärvi School includes workshops on different themes. Workshops can be e.g. about Globe project (Science) or Arts and Crafts with Finnish students. Workshops can be modified according to the hopes and wishes of the visitors. Possibility to include school introduction and/or school lunch.

Program can be tailored according to the wishes of the group. Example program (3-4 hours) can be a combination of the following: introduction (guided tour) to Utajärvi school, and the Finnish school system (1 hour), workshops on different themes (45 min / workshop), school lunch 30 min.

Target group: Students and/or teachers
Minimum age, if required: 15 years old
Participant minimum/maximum: max. 30 people
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Mid-August - beginning of May. Only weekdays between 9-15. There are exam weeks and holidays which differ yearly and those periods are not suitable.
Length of the program: Flexible as described, 2-4 hours
Location of the activity/program: Utajärvi school
Distance from Oulu: about 60 min by car.
Certificate/Diploma of participation: If needed, yes.
2.2 KALAJOKI

KALAJOKI BOOKING CENTRE

Kalajoki Booking Centre is a DMC office in the Kalajoki tourist resort with full tour operator rights. Educational visits, study trips, school camps, homestay accommodation. Packages for FITs and groups, leisure programs. Technical visits: planning program together with local companies. Events & meetings, almost 300 accommodation destinations. Kalajoki has been hosting groups of Japanese students for the past 19 years (current cooperation is between Izumo in Shimane).

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PROGRAM 1

School camp in Kalajoki

Get to know Finnish culture, school life and have fun with your friends! Add optional local activities and educational workshops beside your accommodation and your school program is ready!

At school camp you will stay at Santa’s Resort & Spa Hotel Sani for 5 days. The hotel is situated next to the Kalajoki Sand Dunes; one of the most well-known tourist destinations in Finland. Long sandy beaches and a wide range of leisure activities make sure the students have a good time. When you are looking for a compact, safe and unique place for the kids – Kalajoki has it all. The camp is ideal for children aged 12–18. Through all four seasons, the Nordic nature is at its best in Kalajoki. Come and have an unforgettable visit on the shores of the North Sea, on the arctic beach!

The Camp includes airport transfers, 5 nights’ accommodation, all meals (full board), free use of the spa and educational visit to local elementary school, high school or upper secondary school. (3 hours/student/camp).

Local activities:

Pakka Adventure Park
The climbing courses, together with their zip line rides, guarantee fun and exciting outdoor adventures year-round for people of all ages! In addition, there are bungee trampolines, an adventure tower with a 330-metre mega slide above the sand dunes, an 18-fairway disc golf course and archery competitions.

SuperPark Kalajoki
SuperPark Kalajoki is an activity park for the whole family. It offers fun activities both indoors and outdoors all year around. In the Freestyle Hall, you will find air track tumble mats and awesome trampolines. The Game Arena features a hockey radar and basketball for those with a competitive streak. The Adventure Area has climbing walls and exhilarating slides. At outdoor Freestyle area you will find big skating and scooting tracks.

Arctic tour to Rahja archipelago
Kalajoki transforms into magical frozen wonderland every winter. Rahja archipelago is a wonderful, sheltered destination and reachable by skiing, snowmobile or kicksled. Listen to the silence and try ice-fishing. During this trip we enjoy a cup of hot drinks and snacks by camp fire. In the evening you can gaze at the stars and even spot the northern lights.

Nature tours & trips
Picking berries & mushrooms, birdwatching, kayaking, hiking in the forest, fatbike & snowshoe safaris, sand or snow yoga, sea trips, fishing. horse riding in beautiful sea nature surroundings.

SUP-lesson
Beginners’ instruction and group course on standup paddle boarding, SUP excursions and SUP fishing. The shallow waters of the coastline of Kalajoki are a safe place to learn standup paddle boarding.

Target group: Students aged 12-18
Minimum age: 12
Participant minimum/maximum: 10 / 100
Service languages: English
Interpretation services: Yes, other languages for extra charge
Availability: Available between 7.1.-31.5.19 and 1.9.-20.12.19
Not available during school holidays:
Winter holiday 4.-8.3.19 (Week 10)
Easter holiday 19.-22.4.19
Summer holiday 16.-19.2019
Autumn holiday 21.-25.10.19 (Week 43)
Christmas holiday 20.12.19-7.1.20
Length of the program: minimum 5 nights, 6 days
Location of the activity: Kalajoki
Distance from Oulu: 2 hours
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
**Geocaching**

Geocaching is an outdoor hobby where you search for interesting spots around the world by using satellite positioning. The hobby is suitable for everyone, since each person can choose where and which caches they want to visit. There are several geocaches in Kalajoki. You can look for them by bike, on foot, in a kayak and even by climbing. Geocaching allows you to become familiar with Kalajoki's fantastic nature and learn about the local history.

**Golf lesson**

Kalajoki Golf has a 9-hole “pay and play” course for beginners or people wanting to try out golf for the first time.

**Handicraft workshops:**

**Knit a scarf (1 hour)**

Knit a scarf for yourself or for a gift by using your fingers. Finger knitting is easy and fast. We'll give you the material and guidance. You don’t need previous experience from knitting. While you’re knitting we’ll serve you hot drinks with a sweet or savoury pastry.

**Design your own dishcloth (1 hour)**

Make your own personal drawing on an ecological dishcloth. We'll give you the materials and guidance. During the workshop we'll serve you hot drinks with a sweet or savoury pastry.

**Make your own hobby-horse or summer soap (3 hour)**

In the hobby-horse workshop you will make the mane, eyes and bridle for your own hobby-horse. In the soap factory, we use scents, colorants and moulds to make lovely summer soaps.

**PROGRAM 2**

**Juku Summer Camp**

Juku camp offers joy of sport, movement and totally new experiences for the kids. It's a traditional Finnish kids' sport camp for 8-14 years old kids in Kalajoki (since 1993).

Feel the big camp's atmosphere, get to know a wide selection of different sport types guided by professional and well-trained instructors and sport tutors. There are about 400 children participating the camp, so it is about a real experience and many new, maybe lifelong friendships. Guided sports are organized daily. The participants have three activities each morning (duration approx. 2.5 h) and three activities in the afternoon (duration approx. 2.5 h). The activities include sports like acrobatics, kayaking, cross-country cycling, archery, beach soccer, beach volleyball, Finnish beach baseball and various other beach games, dance, street basketball, SUP, swimming, bowling, disc golf, orienteering etc.

Accommodation is arranged in tents in the guarded and fenced Top Camping Kalajoki camping area by the sea, close to the well-known Kalajoki Beach. The camping site has 24-hour on-call services in the information and first aid cabin designated to the camp. In addition, camp instructors sleep in tents close to the children. Toilet and shower facilities are located close to the accommodation area. Accommodation is also available in apartments or cabins close to the camping site for an extra fee.

The opening ceremony, all meals, athletes visits in the camp, team tracks, magician show, movie nights, disco, camp t-shirt & wristband, visit to spa and waterpark are all included in this camp.

Meals are served in the camp canteen. Four meals are served daily (breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening meal). The food is nutritious and tasty, and it is prepared by the women’s organization of Kalajoen Junkkarit (sports club).

Camp languages are Finnish and English.
PROGRAM 3
Homestay and study in Kalajoki

Get to know Finnish culture while studying abroad. Kalajoki offers homestay accommodation in local families around the year. For 19 years Kalajoki Upper Secondary School has been a centre of student exchange providing educational opportunities that are fun, engaging and educating, while providing students a deep insight into the Finnish culture and a true experience of our world-famous education system.

Studying takes place at a local upper secondary school (Kalajoen lukio). There are approx. 6 hours of school lessons per day (on subjects such as international studies, English, sports, arts and music). Accommodation is arranged as single or double homestay in local families. Educational visits to a local kindergarten and elementary school are possible. You can also choose educational workshops from the school for your group.

Optional workshops
For the groups at Kalajoki Upper Secondary School (min. 10 persons/ max. 15 persons)

Workshops are based on the use of fun educational methods that combine our extreme local nature and unique natural history. All workshops last for 6 hours. 2 teachers, English instruction, max. 15 students accompanied by Finnish students. The participating students receive a workshop diploma from the Kalajoki Upper Secondary School.

Snow & Ice science workshop
Students take part in a practical workshop to learn about the properties of ice and its various forms. Kalajoki is transformed into a frozen wonderland every winter and the reality of Finnish nature can provide the most interesting of educational possibilities. The workshop includes:

- testing and analysing ice on the frozen sea or river
- drilling ice holes to gauge the depth and calculate the strength of the ice
- understanding the formation and creation of ice structures
- ice fishing and a short hike on the frozen river or sea

Analysing ice crystals under a microscope, creating photographs and framing these images as mementos of the frozen journey.

Finnish forest science
We are lucky to be surrounded by forests in Finland. Within them, we have possibilities for many fun learning opportunities. This is an outdoor workshop where the students can learn more about our forests using fun and innovative methods. The workshop includes:

- taking part in a mini forest orienteering course
- collecting various types of moss and other plants, learn their names and their uses
- building a traditional forest shelter
- learning how to correctly and safely make a forest fire and cook Finnish pancakes in the wild
- learning how to use the bark from a birch tree to make different items, pouches, hats etc. and keeping these as a memento of the experience.

Finnish culture workshop
The students get to visit the local manor house of Havula, a perfectly maintained house built in 1912. We will take the students back in time and have them experience what life was like in Finland, 100 years ago. The workshop includes:

- learning about the culture and history of the region and area
- taking part in activities such as baking traditional cakes
- Learning to play traditional games
- Learning to make small items from birch bark and keeping them as a memento of their workshop
- Spending time in the old house, experiencing its history and learning about its past.

Target group: Students aged 15-18
Minimum age, if required: 15
Participant minimum/maximum: min. 1 / max. 15 students at a time
Service languages: English
Interpretation services: Yes
Other languages for extra charge.
Availability/Seasonality:
Throughout the year, not available during school holidays and events:
Graduation week 11.-15.2.19 (week 7)
Winter holiday 4.-8.3.19 (week 10)
Easter holiday 19.-22.4.19
Summer holiday 16.-31.8.19
Autumn holiday 21.-25.10.19 (week 43)
Christmas holiday 21.12.-7.1.20
Length of the program: 1-14 days, long term exchange programs of over 3 months possible
Location of the activity/program: Kalajoki
Distance from Oulu: 2 hours
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
Magical Finnish art
Students will be taken on a tour of the area where they will take photos of the natural beauty of the Finnish countryside. These photos will then be used in works of art created by the students. In the process, they will learn about the landscape and stories of the area. The students will:
• take part in a tour of the area and be introduced to some of the magical spirits that live in the forests and other areas
• take photos of what they find, what they see and what reaches out to them
• Use these photos as a template to create art work using watercolor paints and practices
• learn to paint and to transfer their photos to become works of art. The students can keep the art work and take it home. No previous art experience is needed.

Other educational programs:
Bothnian bay, part of the Baltic Sea (guided tour of the exhibition at the Kalajoki Visitor Centre)
Duration: 2 hours. The students will:
• learn about the structures and most important facts about the Baltic Sea
• learn to name the biggest islands and different sea areas on the map
• learn about the drainage area of the Baltic Sea and name the countries and their capitals on the map
• watch a film about the Baltic Sea
• get to know the special characteristics of the main species of the Baltic Sea and the Bothnian Bay
• learn about the history of the Bothnian Bay coast.

More information about the Kalajoki Visitor Centre:
www.nationalparks.fi/kalajokivisitorcentre
Coastal walking tour to Vihaslahti (4,2 km one direction) Duration: 3 hours
• We’ll walk a duckboard trail from the Visitor Centre through the sand dune area to a large coastal meadow, Vihaslahti. At Vihaslahti we’ll learn how to make an open fire, and visit a bird-watching tower and a Lapp hut. A bus ride back to the Visitor centre can be arranged.
SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION IN OR CLOSE TO KALAJOKI

With its seaside nature and river valleys, the sunny city of Kalajoki offers a comfortable living environment, a wide range of services and excellent opportunities for relaxation and recreation. Kalajoki is a vibrant city with 12,700 residents. The sea, river valleys, vast open fields and the sand dunes of Hiekkasärkät tourist resort provide a diverse and beautiful environment to live, work, be active and enjoy leisure activities.

Kalajoki’s education services have many years of experience in various international projects. For example, for 19 years Kalajoki and its Japanese sister city of Izumo have been working together on the longest serving educational cooperation between Finland and Japan. Kalajoki has provided Japanese students a deep insight into Finnish culture and a true experience of our world-famous education system.

Kalajoki basic and upper secondary education:
kalajoki.fi/en/education/upper-secondary-school

Long tradition with school exchange programs with Japan.

There are a total of 9 schools providing basic education in Kalajoki: 7 schools for classes 1-6: Etelänkylä School, Mehtäkylä School, Pohjankylä School, Rahja School, Rautio School, Tynkä Regional School and Vuorenkalio School.

Raumankari Comprehensive School for classes 1-9 and Merenoja School for classes 7-9

Day care centres, kindergarten

There are many day care centres operated by City of Kalajoki. Private day care centres:
paiuakotiarkki.fi (in Finnish)
touhula.fi/en/daycare/touhula-kalajoki

Kalajoki Academy:
kalajoki.fi/en/leisure-and-sports/kalajoki-academy

Kalajoki Academy is a unit of the City of Kalajoki that is in charge of the city’s leisure activities, basic education in art, and sports institute and culture academy operations.

JEDU:
jedu.fi (in Finnish)

Jedu is the Federation of education of vocational schools in Jokilaakso area. It consists of 7 vocational colleges and adult education and apprenticeship training centers.
PROGRAM 1

Coastal walking tour Vihaslahti (self guided)

The Lankkupolku Trail (4 km one direction) runs in front of the Kalajoki Visitor Centre all the way to Vihaslahti, which is located in the sand-dune shore area.

Walk from the Visitor Centre through the sand dune area to a large coastal meadow Vihaslahti on a duckboard trail. At Vihaslahti you can make a open fire. There is also a bird-watching tower and a Lapp hut. The trail is accessible by pram and there are benches along the trail. Self-guided.

PROGRAM 2

Visiting Kalajoki visitor centre (self guided)

Hear the Call of the Bothnian Bay and Visit the Visitor Centre on Finland’s Northernmost Sea! Kalajoki Visitor Centre is the number one destination for visitors to the Bothnian Bay.

The Visitor Centre will provide you with tips on the best outdoor destinations in the Bothnian Bay area. At our exhibition, you can take a plunge into the underwater world of the Bothnian Bay, study the lives of some of the famous folk who used to live here, or try to catch the biggest fish in Finland. Free entry. Self-guided.
2.3 SYÖTE

YOUTH AND LEISURE CENTER PIKKU-SYÖTE

Pikku-Syöte is one of nine Finnish Youth Centers approved by the Ministry of Education. The mission of the Youth Center is to support the growth and development of children and youth. For over 20 years the International Youth and Camp School Center Pikku-Syöte has arranged all kinds of activities for youth and schoolkids throughout the year. The popular Magical Arctic Hill camps are a favorite among Finnish schoolkids and Nuotta-training for both Finnish and International youth aims at the strengthening of social skills.

PROGRAM 1

Camp school at Youth and leisure Centre Pikku-Syöte

Example program, all programs can be planned on request

Day 1
Arrival to Pikku-Syöte
17.00 Dinner
18.00 Camp welcome and briefing
18.30-20 Group 1 Archery / Group 2 Wall Climbing
20.30 Evening snack
22.00 Bed time (silence)

Day 2
8.30 Breakfast
9.30-11 Group 1 Cross country skiing lesson / Group 2 Snow shoeing
11.30 Lunch
13-14.30 Group 1 Snow shoeing / Group 2 Cross country skiing lesson
15-16.30 Snow fun (Snow sculpting+tobogganing)
17.00 Dinner and free time
20.30 Evening snack
22.00 Bed time (silence)

Day 3
8.30 Breakfast
9.30 Check out from rooms
10-11.30 Group 1 Wall Climbing / Group 2 Archery
12.00 Lunch
13.00 Feedback and farewell, departure
METSÄHALLITUS, SYÖTE VISITOR CENTRE

Syöte Visitor Centre is a handsome log castle by the gates of Syöte National Park. At the permanent exhibition, you can sense the presence of history and hear the whispering spruces. The exhibition presents the history of the interaction between man and nature in the backwoods of Syöte. While sipping a cup of coffee, you can admire the snow-crowned spruces or relax watching nature films. With the help of the up-to-date hiking tips that are provided by the visitor centre’s staff, it is easy to enjoy an active holiday amongst the wooded hills.

PROGRAM 1

Self-guided tour in the Syöte Visitor Centre

The Tales from the Backwoods exhibition presents the natural features and history of Syote National Park. Syöte Visitor Centre is the main information centre in the Syöte National Park.

Guided tours, presentations, exhibitions, nature films, events, a café restaurant, nature education nature-themed shop, hiking information, Free WLAN. Services provided by the cooperating partners are also available.
2.4 LIMINKA

LIMINKA

School program for high school students in Liminka with homestay and hotel-like accommodation

Liminka is a municipality of 10,000 inhabitants just 20 minutes from the city and airport of Oulu. Liminka is known for the birds, nature, culture and children. It is the youngest municipality in Finland, even though the municipality itself is 542 years old. Over the 40% of our inhabitants are age 19 or under and we are number 8 on the list of highest educated workforce in Finland. Welcome to wonderful Liminka!

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PROGRAM 1
Camp school in Liminka

School camp includes accommodation at hotel-like accommodation at breathtaking Liminka bay Visitor Center as well as homestay accommodation in local families for a weekend. Program holds school lessons such as international studies, English, sports, arts, and household studies as well as educational visits to local kindergarten and elementary school.

PROGRAM 2
Guider butterfly and insect excursion

A guided tour with a butterfly and insect expert, where you can spot different real-life butterflies and insects.

A guided tour with a butterfly and insect excursion will teach more about the butterflies and insects. Please note that the excursion can only be arranged at certain time of the year (early summer time).

PROGRAM 3
Visit to flower and animal park Escurial

Admire various animals at Escurial! The flower and animal park Zoo and introduces local animals tuned up with some exotic animals for Finland.

Flower and animal park Escurial is a park with over 300 lovely animals which love to get to know the visitors. The park’s residents include domestic animals as well as more exotic species such as black swans. Escurial also has a beautiful summer garden.
PROGRAM 4
Guided Walking Tour in Alakestilä Arboretum
Explore the botanical collection of over 250 trees and shrubs in the arboretum of Liminka.

Liminka’s honorary resident Kalle Arvola and his wife Katri started to planting trees on the Alakestilä estate in the 1930s. Over the years Arboretum has spread and covers today about three hectares. Visit the arboretum with a guide who will show you the highlights of the season and teaches you more about the trees and bushes. In addition to the native Finnish species that park has some beautiful foreign rarities.

PROGRAM 5
Wall climbing lesson
Liminka offers an indoor climbing wall for safe practice.

Guided lesson will include lesson for techniques for climbing and safety and a good time for test the climbing wall.

PROGRAM 6
Visit and an adventure activity in the Liisanlinna castle
Visit to the Liisanlinna castle teaches you about the Finnish history and includes a playful castle conquest activity in the labyrinth-like wooden castle.

There is a new-built wooden castle called Liisanlinna (Lisa’s castle) in Liminka that offers an outdoors castle adventure for the youth. Visit teaches you about the Finnish history and includes a playful castle conquest activity in the labyrinth-like wooden castle. Activity includes a small evening snack with juice and sausage or stuffed bread for you to enjoy.
PROGRAM 7

Walking tour in the old Liminka

A guided walking tour in the old Liminka teaches you about the history of Liminka.

Old Liminka was the centre of Liminka about 500 years ago, when Oulu and Kajaani were part of the Liminka municipality. Old Liminka is a residential and museum area. Old Liminka is located next to the Liminka river and depending on the season there are few museums to visit on the way. E.g. the home museum of one of the most famous old-time opera singer Abraham Ojanperä and an art museum with changing exhibition, located in the oldest stone school in Northern Finland. Old Liminka has retained its old-time atmosphere so well, that you almost believe you have gone back in time!

PROGRAM 8

Snowshoeing

This popular winter time activity offers a possibility to make the most out of the wintry landscape.

After learning few techniques you are ready to explore the winter forest and get some exercise. Depending on the time of the visit, there is also a possibility to walk on the frozen sea.

PROGRAM 9

Disc golf lesson

Liminka has one of the best disc golf courses in Finland. Try it out!

After learning few techniques (such as different throwing styles and how to use the different discs) you will have a chance to play 9 holes on the course. Guide and discs are provided.
PROGRAM 10
Fatbike safari
Hop on a fatbike and start exploring beautiful nature of Liminka (open also on winter time!).

Guided fatbike tour takes you to the beautiful nature of Rantakylä, Liminka. On the way, there will be a cozy break at a heart of the Finnish forest, where you can enjoy some juice and Finnish sausages heated on an open fire.

Program details:
- Target group: camp schools and school excursions
- Participant minimum/maximum: 5-30
- Service languages: Finnish, English
- Interpretation services: No
- Availability/Seasonality: all year round
- Length of the program: 2-3 hours
- Distance from Oulu: 30 minutes

PROGRAM 11
Guided Birdwatching Tour
Experience a symphony of bird sounds and learn more about birds with the help of an expert guide.

Get more out of birdwatching tour with the assistance of an expert bird guide. The nature trail (0.6km) to the two-storey bird tower starts from the Liminka Bay Visitor Centre’s yard. You can also include a visit to the centre’s bird exhibition to your tour.

Program details:
- Target group: camp schools and school excursions, adults and professionals in the field of education
- Minimum age, if required: 1st grader
- Participant minimum/maximum: 8-25
- Service languages: Finnish, English
- Interpretation services: No
- Availability/Seasonality: mid April - end of September
- Length of the program: 1-2 hours
- Location of the activity/program: Liminka Bay, Rantakurri 6, 99600 Liminka
- Distance from Oulu: 30 minutes
- Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

PROGRAM 12
Smoked salmon on open fire experience
With the help of a guide you will learn more about how to cook on an open bonfire.

Together with the guide the group will prepare delicious smoked salmon and some sweet buns on open fire.

Program details:
- Target group: camp schools and school excursions, adults and professional in the field of education
- Participant minimum/maximum: 5-25
- Service languages: English
- Interpretation services: No
- Availability/Seasonality: early summer
- Length of the program: 2-4 hours
- Location of the activity/program: Liminka
- Distance from Oulu: 30 minutes
- Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

PROGRAM 13
Taste of Liminka
Experience and taste the nature of Liminka

Together with the local people the group will go to the forest and pick up some mushrooms and berries. The participants will learn how to transform the collected items into tasty food.

Program details:
- Target group: camp schools and school excursions, adults and professional in the field of education
- Participant minimum/maximum: 5-25
- Service languages: English, Finnish
- Interpretation services: No
- Availability/Seasonality: early summer
- Length of the program: 2-4 hours
- Location of the activity/program: Liminka
- Distance from Oulu: 30 minutes
- Certificate/Diploma of participation: No
PROGRAM 14
Horseback riding
With the experienced guides at your side you will learn more about horse riding.

PROGRAM 15
Guided canoeing trip
Experience the Liminka Bay and the world of birds on a kayak.

Participants get very close to the birds without disturbing them. The guide will first hold a canoeing basic course after which the participants are ready to get to the water. The route goes from Temmesjoki to Liminka bay or another way around.

PROGRAM 16
Cross-country skiing trip
Experience one of the most traditional ways of getting around in Finland in winter time.

Together with the professional ski instructor you will learn to cross-country skiing.
METSÄHALLITUS, PARKS & WILDLIFE FINLAND: LIMINKA BAY VISITOR CENTRE

Parks & Wildlife Finland is a part of the state-owned organization Metsähallitus. Parks & Wildlife Finland is in charge of public administration tasks and is comprised of National Parks Finland and Wildlife Service Finland.

PROGRAM 1

Guided Tour at the Eight Seasons of Bird’s Year Exhibition

Step into the Visitor Centre’s exhibition and find yourself in the thrilling world of birds! The exhibition reveals the secrets of our feathered friends and lets you experience them with all your senses.

We organize guided tours in the Visitor Centre’s exhibition ‘The Eight Seasons of a Bird’s year’. Our expert guides will introduce you to the diverse world of birds with the aid of stories and examples. The Eight Seasons of Birds exhibition presents the annual cycle from bird’s perspective. The exhibition itself is free of charge, but for the guided tours we charge. If the idea of a guide ruffles your feathers, you can familiarise yourself with everything the nature centre has to offer on your own. A multimedia presentation entitled ‘Life at Liminka Bay’ is shown in the auditorium; the presentation lasts 20 minutes and shows viewers what goes on in the bird habitat over the year. Around Liminka Bay, you will find many bird-watching towers, duckboards and structures serving visitors, such as campfire sites.

Target group: Individuals, groups, families and school groups
Minimum age: 5 years
Participant minimum/maximum: 1-25
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: no
Availability/Seasonality: Available all the year round
Length of the program: 1 hour
Location of the activity/program: Rantakurvi 6, 91900 Liminka, Finland
Distance from Oulu: 30 minutes
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No
2.5 OTHERS

KEMPELE MUNICIPALITY AND LINNAKANGAS
COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SCHOOL

Visit to Linnakangas community centre and school. A guided tour and introduction to the basics of Finnish K-12 level education and on how we implement the pedagogy at Linnakangas School.

Linnakangas community centre and school was built in 2008 and the most recent parts were opened in 2016 and 2018. There are kindergarten, preschool and comprehensive school classes from 1 to 9 in the building. Altogether the house serves 900 students and 100 staff members.

The main philosophy in the school is knowing each other, experimenting bravely, learning individually and succeeding together.

The building offers the students a flexible and reconfigurable learning environment, which is organized as learning cells. There are very good acoustic solutions used that make it possible to work this way. We cherish the feeling of community in everything we do. We have flexible arrangements for studies, a versatile pedagogy and teachers working in teams in every grade. We support learners in different challenges and we foster individual learning paths. We also focus a lot on the wellbeing of the students and the area where we work.

There is a possibility to have Finnish school lunch (separate price).

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- www.kempele.fi/en/home.html
- Kempele Municipality, Education

Target group: Professionals in education
Participant minimum/maximum: 10-20
Service languages: English
Interpretation services: Yes, Chinese, Japanese on request and with separate price
Availability/Seasonality: August – May during academic school year
Length of the program: 1.5 hours
Location of the activity/program: Linnakäerto 20 in Kempele
Distance from Oulu: 14 km
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
KEMPELE MUNICIPALITY, CULTURAL SERVICES

Cultural services of Kempele municipality provide versatile and high-quality cultural events and experiences.

**Introduction to traditional Finnish Christmas, an authentic Christmas experience**

Get to know how Finns celebrate Christmas, meet the Santa Claus and enjoy a traditional Finnish Christmas menu. The program will take place at the Kempele local museum.

Learn how Finns celebrate Christmas, meet the Santa Claus and enjoy a traditional Finnish Christmas menu. The program will take place at the Kempele local museum. The museum is a typical Finnish farmhouse from 1886, and the atmosphere is magical. You will get a warm, memorable experience that brings back childhood memories and learn about the mindset that Finns used to have in the old days.

**PROGRAM 1:**

**Arrival at the Kempele local farmhouse museum**

Introduction by a guide to the museum, Finnish Christmas traditions, program during Christmas Eve, food culture, preparations, gifts and history.

Enjoying a traditional three-course Finnish Christmas menu.

Meeting the Santa Claus and getting small presents.
PYHÄJOKI MUNICIPALITY

Pyhäjoki, situated on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia and in the lap of flowing waters of the River Pyhäjoki, is known for its pure nature and positive energy. The municipality is guided by the principles of inclusion to create a community in which everyone feels welcome and diversity is seen as a strength. Pyhäjoki is an exceptional small municipality because the number of jobs, services and residents is increasing. With the boost caused by the Hanhikivi 1 (nuclear power plant) project and several wind energy plants under construction, the future is bright for work and entrepreneurial life. The large-scale industrial projects create a productive environment for businesses to flourish. By networking across multiple sectors, such as government, business, and non-profit organizations and associations to create inclusive policies and practices, it is made easier for entrepreneurs to start their businesses or have documents available in multiple languages.

Internationalization means richness and diversity that the people in Pyhäjoki are proud of, and the goals and fields of the action of the integration policy are ranging from language support to facilitating intercultural dialogue.

Program 1
Erasmus K1 Job Shadowing / Educational Visits in Pyhäjoki

High-quality and equal early childhood education and care is provided in every village of Pyhäjoki. The objective is to promote children’s holistic growth, development and learning through play. The objective of basic education is to support pupils’ growth towards humanity and ethically responsible membership of society and to provide them with the knowledge and skills needed in life.

Pyhäjoki Upper Secondary School emphasizes self-determination and autonomous learning, entrepreneurship education being part of all learning. The emphasis is on positive attitudes, an entrepreneurial mode of operation and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills. An entrepreneurial culture and procedures are realized in cooperation with the operational environment: the students are responsible for the local paper, which they publish weekly, and the annual Entrepreneur Fair in the region. Continuous international projects and annual study trips abroad are part of the curriculum and the achievements of the school have been nationally and internationally recognized. The school has been a venue of in-service teacher training on Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) for years. Erasmus+ funded courses for teacher development for European teachers and training courses for Finnish and non-European teachers are offered together by CLIL experts from Finland and from the University College London, Institute of Education, UK.

For pupils of immigrant backgrounds, whose Finnish language skills are not sufficient to study in Finnish-speaking groups, individual syllabi based on the national curricula are created. The objective is to support the pupils’ integration into Finnish society and to give them the necessary skills to achieve the objectives of national curricula.

Erasmus+ and other educational programs and visits are available all year round. Job shadowing can be done as part of the formal Erasmus+ program or it can be scheduled for Finnish and non-EU visitors. A visitor will spend the agreed period of time, from one day to ten days, observing the day-to-day work of the teachers, which involves teaching and a range of activities and meetings.

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www.pyhajoki.fi

Target group: Job shadowing can be done as part of the formal Erasmus+ program or it can be scheduled for Finnish and non-EU visitors.
Service languages: English, Finnish
Interpretation services: available
Availability/Seasonality: Visits are available all year round
Length of the program: from one day to ten days
Location of the activity/program: Pyhäjoki
Distance from Oulu: 1.5 hours
Erasmus K1 Job Shadowing / Educational Visits in Pyhäjoki

**DAY 1**  
Theme: *Multigrade teaching*  
9:00–9:30  Welcome meeting at the Secondary School, Saaren koulu (Principals)  
9:45-14:30  Kindergarten Vekkula, Preschool and Primary School (multigrade classes) in Yppäri  
Evening  
Sightseeing in Pyhäjoki  

**DAY 2**  
Theme: *Learn by doing – Practical subjects in school education*  
9:00–14:45  Kindergarten and Preschool in Pyhäjoki center: Huvikumpu & Kissankulma Primary School (grades 1-6), Saaren koulu  
Presentations/Greetings of the visitors  
Discussion: Learning methods and materials used in primary education  
Evening  
Extra-curricular activities with students  

**DAY 3**  
Theme: *Differentiation and small group work*  
9:00–14:45  Primary School (grades 1-6), Saaren koulu  
Evening  
Trekking in Pyhäjoki  

**DAY 4**  
Education opportunities in the neighboring town  
9:00–12:00  Sightseeing in Raah: a small town 30 kilometers to the north  
Lunch at Langin Kauppahuone  
12:00–15:30  Education in Raah  

**DAY 5**  
Theme: *Compulsory and optional studies in lower secondary education*  
9:00–14:45  Lower Secondary Classes 7-9, Saarenkoulu  
Evening  
Visit to Kalajoki : Marine Center  

**DAY 6**  
Theme: *Artistic and practical subjects supporting academic studies*  
9:00–12:00  Artistic and Practical subjects in School Education / Saaren koulu  
(Primary and Lower Secondary Classes)  
12:00–16:00  Theme: *Integrative and autonomous learning*  
Upper Seconday School of Pyhäjoki: High School Projects (Principal & students)  

**DAY 7**  
Theme: *Language education in Pyhäjoki*  
9:00–14:45  Language classes in secondary schools, Saaren koulu and Upper Secondary School on Pyhäjoki  

**DAY 8**  
Theme: *Early childhood and primary education in small villages*  
9:00–12:00  Pirttikoski  
12:00–15:00  Parhalahti  

**DAY 9**  
Theme: *Entrepreneurship education in the operational environment*  
9:00–15:00  The Upper Secondary School (Principal and students)  

**DAY 10**  
Farewells and Discussions  
8:00–  
The Upper Secondary School (Principals and teachers)
The vibrant city of Oulu is one of the most populous city in Northern Finland and is the fifth most populous city in the country. Oulu is located just an hour’s flight from Helsinki and the city buzzes with innovations and opportunities all around. Oulu is considered also one of Europe’s “living labs”, where residents experiment with new technology at a community scale. Oulu attracts lots of visitors from all over the world and is widely known as a city of high and innovative technology.

Oulu’s ecosystems for new technologies and practical cooperation between companies, research organizations, universities and the public sectors are being continuously developed. Today, for example Oulu is aiming to be the global forerunner in the development of 5G.

Technical Visits offer guided tours to professionals, students, groups or individuals looking for an experience out of the ordinary. We give you an opportunity to experience an exciting, deeper look behind the scenes. BusinessOulu and the partner companies are offering Technical Visits for different fields, e.g. ICT, HealthCare and Cleantech. You can also easily add from versatile activity selection your choices to see the town better during your stay at Oulu. The activities can be booked all year round and we have great partners to help with your choices. So get familiar with the city as we natives do.

For all request regarding technical visits, you are able to contact:
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Oulu is one of Finland’s fastest-growing cities where new innovative companies are constantly growing and entering the global market. BusinessOulu is the business development entity of the City of Oulu and its purpose is to create an operating environment for business and entrepreneurship that promotes employment and the creation, operation, growth and competitiveness of companies. In addition to promoting the internationalization of companies, BusinessOulu is in charge of the international business marketing of the city.

**BusinessOulu: Oulu Innovation Alliance**

One hour lecture of OIA and company visit at BusinessOulu. Oulu Innovation Alliance is a coalition with the purpose of making Oulu the world’s best in five focus areas. OIA partners are: City of Oulu, Oulu University of Applied Sciences, Technopolis Pls, University of Oulu and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland.

Oulu Innovation Alliance’s five focus areas, i.e. ecosystems are: OuluHealth, Industry 2026, Northern city with attractive opportunities, Agile commercialization, ICT and digitalization.

**BusinessOulu: ICT**

With 40 years of experience Oulu is the world leader in information and communication technologies and related operations. 2.6 billion people use ICT technology development in Oulu every day. We also have the first 5G hospital in Oulu. In the recent years, the ecosystem of the technology industry of Oulu has changed into a hub of tens of global product development units. ICT knowledge also generates totally new solutions and ideas for other business sectors, like the user driven design method for architecture.

**BusinessOulu: OuluHealth**

OuluHealth is an advanced public/private ecosystem of health sector stakeholders. Together with our stakeholders, we work to transform healthcare and create innovative solutions. By combining resources, talent and experience, OuluHealth enhances the opportunities for companies to accelerate innovation and reach new markets.

The region of Oulu boasts a thriving life science sector with about 240 hi-tech companies from bio, e-health, and medtech fields. The companies address global needs and aim for international markets. What is more, operational 5G test networks will contribute to the creation of new types of wireless services and business models.

OuluHealth Labs offer companies for example a digital integration platform for modelling future health solutions. It is built on the basis of an open, modular architecture approach. In October 2016, we reached an important milestone: a successful integration between three EHRs provided by different vendors.
BusinessOulu: Oulu Cleantech

Finland has often been rated as one of the world’s leading countries in the environmental sector. Cleantech is fast becoming the cornerstone of the Finnish economy and it is one of Finland’s economic policy priorities. There are approx. 10,000 cleantech companies in Finland. Many Finnish companies are already global leaders in energy efficiency, clean industrial processes, and bioenergy. Other key sectors are analysis and automation, renewable energy, water and wastewater treatment, waste management, and emissions reduction.

Oulu is located in the middle of Major Arctic European cleantech and industrial investments. Strong industries in the Oulu region include metal, construction, food and chemical industries. ICT expertise of the area is utilized in cleantech applications, including smart energy, resource efficiency and emission control solutions. Oulu region is also the most significant hub of wind power construction in Finland.

BusinessOulu: 5G

Oulu is forerunner in the development 5G and 5G will most certainly be the next chapter in Oulu’s wireless wonder story. VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, University of Oulu and Oulu University Hospital have set up 5G test networks in Oulu for R&D and testing in a realistic 5G network environment. 5G technology enables wireless data transfer a hundred times faster than currently and a huge number of intercommunicating devices can be connected to the network. Small data transfer delay of the network enables, for example, remote robot control and autonomous cars. Oulu researchers are participating in an international consortium which implements 5G demos for the Olympic Winter Games in Pyongyang 2018.

BusinessOulu: Oulu Convention Bureau –successful meetings

We at Oulu Convention Bureau in the city’s convention and marketing uni provide help seeking for meetings as well as offer variety of marketing materials. We also offer consultancy on planning and carrying out events by means of local networks of service providers. All our services are free of charge. Oulu was the third most popular congress city in Finland in 2017 by international congresses.

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Duration: 1 hour lecture or 2 hour lecture and the company visit
Group size: 2-200 persons
Status of visitors: Anyone interested in 5G
**NOKIA**

Oulu is one of Nokia’s key locations with over 40 years of experience. The site is a radio research, development and production centre that is one of a kind in the world. Currently the main focus in Oulu is in 5G research and development. Oulu area is one of the leading radio research hot spots globally. The Oulu site uses the radio ecosystem in trialing the latest technologies and solutions with the customer. The site cooperates actively with other technology centres and further improves its quality, productivity and attractiveness in the long term. The site is located at the Rusko campus.

**Technical visit at Nokia**

Two hour technical visit at Nokia Company. The visitors will see the testing room, laboratories and will get Nokia company presentation. There is also possible to include BusinessOulu ICT presentation for this package. Then the duration will be 2 hours 45 minutes.

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**TARGET GROUP:** Professionals background or with influential status in the field  
**MINIMUM/maximum:** 10-15 persons  
**SERVICE LANGUAGES:** English and Finnish  
**INTERPRETATION SERVICES:** No  
**AVAILABILITY/SEASONALITY:** Visiting time between 9:00-16:00 from Monday to Friday. Due to the holiday season from June until the end of August Technical Visits are not available. Nokia is able to take only 2 hosted visiting groups, one group per quarterly. All requests have to come via BusinessOulu.  
**LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM:** 1-2 hours  
**LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY / PROGRAM:** Kaapelitie 4, 90620 Oulu, Finland  
**DISTANCE FROM OULU:** From city centre 10-15 minutes  
**CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA OF PARTICIPATION:** No

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**PROGRAM 1**

**Company visit**

Lecture including the company visit.

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**PROGRAM 2**

**Show room presentation**

One hour Nokia Company presentation in show room. This presentation is also available for the students.

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**PROGRAM 3**

**Technical visit at Nokia**

Two hour technical visit at Nokia Company. The visitors will see the testing room, laboratories and will get Nokia company presentation. There is also possible to include BusinessOulu ICT presentation for this package.
TARGET GROUP: Anyone interested
Participant minimum/maximum: 15 to 20 persons, if visitors are professional they can take 30 persons
PrintoCent wants to know which target field technical visits group wants to have their visit to be focused.
Service languages: English and Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Visiting time between 8:00-16:00 from Monday to Friday. Due to the holiday season from 24th of June until the end of July Technical Visits are not available.
Length of the program: 1.5 – 2 hours
Location of the activity/program: Kaitoväylä 1, 90570 Oulu
Distance from Oulu: 15 to 20 minutes from city centre
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

PROGRAM 1
Technical visit at PrintoCent
World class design, development and manufacturing environment for Printed Intelligence

One and a half or two hour technical visit to PrintoCent – Printed Intelligence Innovation Center. The visitors will have a lecture and interactive discussion on development of Printed intelligence technologies and how these technologies will change the world by enabling future disposable diagnostics healthcare, lighting and information systems, autonomous energy harvesting, wearable technologies and Internet of Things. Demonstrators related to the mentioned topics are available and visitors are allowed to have a close look and touch. The guided visit to PrintoCent Pilot Factory environment is organized – no photos allowed. Examples of new products and the related companies are presented.

World class design, development and manufacturing environment for Printed Intelligence

PrintoCent Innovation Center commercializes the research results of Printed Intelligence and Optical Measurements. PrintoCent has wide global reach with its international member companies and partners. The awarded innovation environment – PrintoCent Pilot Factory - for Printed Intelligence research and manufacturing is located in Oulu, Finland, at the founding member sites at VTT, Oulu University and Oulu University of Applied Sciences. PrintoCent has a special focus on Roll-to-Roll (R2R) and hybrid manufacturing and optical measurements for quality assurance. Application focus areas range from rapid disposable diagnostics, smart flexible lighting, and wearable products to Internet of Things with sensors and energy harvesting.
The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is a multidisciplinary research and specialist organization. FIOH promotes occupational health, safety and well-being at work through research, services, training and disseminating information.

**FINNISH INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATION HEALTH, TTL**

The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is a multidisciplinary research and specialist organization. FIOH promotes occupational health, safety and well-being at work through research, services, training and disseminating information.

**PROGRAM 1**

**Technical visit at Finnish Institute of Occupation Health, TTL**

Product description: The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is a multidisciplinary research and specialist organization. FIOH promotes occupational health, safety and well-being at work through research, services, training and disseminating information.

FIOH has five regional offices, of which the regional office in Oulu is specialized in the Arctic work conditions. Special knowledge of the personnel includes thermal properties of the cold protective clothing, survival suit tests, cold and heat stress measurements and education covering these topics. Facilities in our estate in Oulu are cold or heat exposure room, wind tunnel (up to 10 m/s) with cold and immersion pools (cold water).

Arctic laboratory package - The visitors will hear a short lecture of the effects of cold on human and how wisely to protect against cold in the Arctic conditions. The visitors may have a personal experience of cold and windy conditions (temperature -40 C and wind 10 m/s). Visitors are also able to test the cold protection properties of their own clothing.

**Target group:** Anyone interested

**Participant minimum/maximum:** max. 12 persons in a group

**Service languages:** Finnish, English

**Interpretation services:** No

**Availability/Seasonality:** Visiting time between 9:00-16:00 from Monday to Friday. Due to the holiday season from 24th of June until the end of August Technical Visits are not available.

**Length of the program:** 1.5 – 2 hours

**Location of the activity/program:** Aapistie 1, Oulu

**Distance from Oulu:** 5 to 10 minutes from city centre

**Certificate/Diploma of participation:** No

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www.ttl.fi
LUDOCRAFT

LudoCraft is a northern game studio with over ten years of experience in making games

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  - www.ludocraft.com

PROGRAM 1

An Evening with LudoCraft

One or two hour visit at LudoCraft. LudoCraft is a northern game studio with over ten years of experience in making games. We invite you to spend an evening at our office, our playground, and to be inspired by what games are all about. As a part of the experience you can take part in building a 18000-piece puzzle, jam in our studio or lay in our sea of legos (possibility to be buried in legos available, too). Or just come and play with us in our game dungeon!

Naturally we also present a showcase of our selected works and there is a possibility to discuss games and other deep issues with a glass of wine in your hand. And don’t forget to taste the LudoCraft special mana potion! In addition to all the candy and ice cream, we have food that replenishes weary travelers (please let us know special dietary requests beforehand). We also have the possibility to heat up the sauna!
VERKOTAN

Verkotan is a FINAS SFS-EN ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing laboratory operating in the wireless industry fully compliant with ILAC MRA requirements.

With 15+ years of experience, we help organizations like yours in radio device testing and certification projects. Our services range from product development testing to global market approvals.

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<td>The customer has an opportunity to see the 3D video of RF signal behavior. Video shows for example how an RF signals are moving in the real world and how buildings are affected for example to mobile phone activities. The customer can follow signal movements from actively monitor screen (you can stop the video, can been turn to a viewing point and look down and up, etc.).</td>
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Target group: Anyone interested
Participant minimum/maximum: 10 persons. If the group size is bigger it should be split to the smaller groups
Service languages: Finnish and English
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: Visiting time between 9:00-16:00 from Monday to Friday. Some Technical Visits baggage is possible to arrange in the evening. Technical Visits are possible to arrange all year around. The requests have to come via BusinessOulu or to Kari Komonen.
Length of the program: 2 hours
Location of the activity/program: Elektroniikkatie 17, 90590 Oulu
Distance from Oulu: about 15 minutes from city centre
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No
The Northern Finland Work Safety Park is a training environment for work safety training. The training park consists of setups of real world working situations demonstrating risks, accidents and good working environments. People visiting the Northern Finland Safety Park learn to observe the risks of working situations and how the personal attitude is pivotal for obtaining safe behavior for people, teams and work places.

The Northern Finland Work Safety Park is operated by an association. The members of the association consist of more than 80 companies, schools and organizations active in Finland and internationally. The Safety Park is used to train people from students to seasoned skilled professionals and managers. Annual count of visitors is around 5000 people. There is number of scientific papers concerning the influence of the Training Park. These can be found for example from:

1. http://injuryprevention.bmj.com/content/22/Suppl_2/A229.2
2. www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15578771.2017.1325793
3. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-13180-1_10

The concept of Work Safety Park is novel and the groups visiting get to experience different training spots to observe the way how experiential learning is utilized in work safety training. During the visit presented is also the planning and construction project of such training park.

**Target group:** Anyone interested  
**Participant minimum/maximum:** max. 40 persons  
**Service languages:** Finnish and English  
**Interpretation services:** No  
**Availability/Seasonality:** Visiting time between 8:00–16:00 from Monday to Friday. Visits need to be agreed minimum one week before the visit. Due to the holiday season from 24th of June until the end of July possibilities to visit might be limited.  
**Length of the program:** 1.5 – 2 hours  
**Location of the activity/program:** Hiltusentie 9, 90570 Oulu  
**Distance from Oulu:** about 15 minutes from the city centre  
**Certificate/Diploma of participation:** No

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OULUN PALVELUSÄÄTIÖ

Oulun Palvelusäätiö foundation produces accommodation and related services for the elderly, pensioners, disabled, and other comparable groups with special needs.

Program 1

Technical visit at Oulun palvelusäätiö

Product description: Oulun Palvelusäätiö foundation produces accommodation and related services for the elderly, pensioners, disabled, and other comparable groups with special needs. The foundation fulfills their purpose by maintaining sheltered housing and centers as well as intensified shelter housing units. In them, the foundation produces care and aid services, as well as home care services to support independence, mental ability, and rehabilitation.

- 491 regular sheltered housing units and 81 intensified shelter housing units (around the clock staff).
- 6 home care centers – services include meals, activities, exercise, etc.
- Home care produced additionally.
- The foundation has permanent staff of 153 people.

Target group: For those interested in services for the elderly (students, company representatives).

Participant minimum/maximum: 5 – 10 persons in a group.

Service languages: Finnish, English.

Interpretation services: No.

Availability/Seasonality: Visiting time between 11:00-16:00 from Monday to Friday. Due to the holiday season from 24th of June until the end of July, Technical Visits are not available.

Length of the program: 1.5 – 2 hours.

Location of the activity/program: Harjapäänkatu 32.

Distance from Oulu: 5 to 10 minutes from city centre.

Certificate/Diploma of participation: No.

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Oulu City Library

The Oulu City Library manages municipal library services in the Oulu region. The library works in close cooperation with schools and day care centers and promotes reading for people of all ages. Other cooperation partners are cultural operators and associations in the city. The Oulu City Library is the regional development library in North Ostrobothnia and Kainuu.

Oulu City Library: center for information, arts and culture

Aside from the main library, the Oulu City Library operates 23 branch libraries. Three mobile libraries serve districts that do not have a library of their own. Additionally, the mobile libraries tour schools, day-care centers and various events.

One of the most important tasks for the library is to promote reading and reading skills among children and adults. The systematic ‘Library Route’ cooperation between Oulu libraries and schools (comprehensive and upper secondary schools) promotes versatile reading and information seeking skills and offers tips to encourage people to read fiction. Students can also take a literature diploma.

At self-service libraries, clients can borrow and return materials and also use computers outside regular opening hours. Additionally, clients can borrow e-books and e-magazines as well as music teaching materials online.

The architecture of the main library (completed in 1982) offers an interesting overview of the history and present day of the library building and the changes that have taken place in library activities. The interior includes Finnish design and the works of art by artists living in northern Finland.

The comics library ‘Sarjasto’ operates in collaboration with the Oulu Comics Center. Housed in the main library, Sarjasto offers comic books as well as rotating comics exhibitions and comics-related events.

‘Laituri’, the events venue, provides facilities for a wide range of events such as art exhibitions, visits by authors, music performances and Library Club evenings. At the same time, the section serves as Business Oulu’s show area in which local companies can display their products. Local residents can take part in developing the library at public meetings held in the evenings.

The Oulu City Library uses the open-source library IT system ‘Koha’. 
PROGRAM 1

Welcome to the Oulu City Library

A presentation of the history, services and everyday work in the Oulu City Library, includes a tour in the main library.

PROGRAM 2

Main Library Architectural Tour

An insight tour in a library that was designed in the 1970s, built at the beginning of the 1980s and today faces the challenges of library work in the 21st century.

PROGRAM 3

Cooperation between the city library and schools in Oulu

Presentation of cooperation between the city library and schools in Oulu

The Oulu City Library’s systematic cooperation with schools in Oulu is called Library Route. It includes activities for pupils in early childhood education and primary education as well as for students in secondary schools. Through cooperation between the library and schools we encourage reading and promote multiliteracy and information literacy for children and young people. During the visit, Library Route contents and various teaching methods used in library will be presented.
OULU UNIVERSITY TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL

Oulu University Teacher Training School’s core competence is in pre-service and in-service teacher education.

Our aim is to develop and implement research-based teacher education and offer high-class in-service training for teachers and educators worldwide.

We organise educational events and conferences annually for international education professionals. On our research-based training courses, school visits and workshops you will learn with experts from Finland.

In addition, we are pleased to provide tailor-made courses based on your needs, in our premises or elsewhere.

PROGRAM 1
Northern Lights Education Conference
International education conference about Special Needs Education and Inclusion at the Oulu University Teacher Training School. Find detailed program from our website https://tts.oulu.fi

Interested in learning about inclusion while enjoying a real Finnish winter close to the Arctic Circle?

Join our next event, Northern Lights Education Conference in Oulu, Finland in January 15th-16th 2020.

Theme for the 2020 Conference will be published later.

Two-day intensive course consists of top-quality lectures provided by Finnish teacher training experts.

You can participate in a Research Plenary Session as a presenter or as an active listener. There are also workshops and school visits available for you.

We also offer an additional cultural program including a visit to the Arctic Circle with Santa Claus.

PROGRAM 2
Midnight Sun Summer School
Five-day international course for teachers, principals and other education professionals. Find detailed program from our website https://tts.oulu.fi

In this summer school we provide high quality lectures, active workshops, school visits – and certainly relaxing social events! Topics include e.g. Phenomenal Learning from Finland, Introduction to Finnish School System and its Special Features, Technology Enhanced Learning, Future Trends of Learning, National Basic Education Curriculum, Modern Learning Environments and best pedagogical practices. The program includes also a welcoming dinner and cultural program.
Oulu City Tourist Information Office

Oulu City Tourist Information offers practical advice and tips for your visit to Oulu. At the Tourist Information Office, professional tourist advisors will assist you and you will find all the latest information about events, accommodation, restaurants, attractions and places to visit and their accessibility.

The Tourist Information provides you with computers, an open wireless network panOulu and a charging point for smartphone. Come and pick up free brochures and themed walking and cycling maps or buy local souvenirs.

Target group: Tourism professionals, Tour Operators, Travel Agencies
Participant minimum/maximum: max 50
Service languages: English, Finnish
Interpretation services: No
Availability/Seasonality: all year round Mon-Fri
Length of the program: 30 minutes
Location of the activity/program: Oulu City Tourist Information Office, address Torikatu 18, 90100 Oulu, Finland
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

Program 1
Visit to Oulu City Tourist Information Office

Oulu City Tourist Information may provide visitors with current issues and trends about tourism in Oulu.

A presentation about basics of City of Oulu and facts and figures of inbound tourism to Oulu. Oulu was the sixth most popular tourism city in Finland in 2017. The Oulu City Tourist information also holds up-to-date customer data and can give you detailed information on customer profile and development of Oulu City Tourist Information Office.
De Gamlas Hem Hotel & Restaurant is a fully renovated boutique hotel in a building full of local and Finnish history. This guided tour introduces the history of the building, its Art Nouveau architecture as well as the future as high-class, high-tech equipped hotel and meeting center.

Guided tour includes a story-driven introduction to the history of De Gamlas Hem building, which has served as retirement home for upper-class old women as well as home of Swedish fighter pilots during the World War II. Today we welcome you to this wooden Art Nouveau villa to enjoy some peace, quiet and delicious food among the beautiful ceramic tiled stoves and log walls. We have 17 hotel rooms and meeting and conference facilities with high-tech meeting and working equipment for groups up to 100 people.

PROGRAM 1

Guided tour into history and future of De Gamlas Hem

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Guided tour includes a story-driven introduction to the history of De Gamlas Hem building, which has served as retirement home for upper-class old women, as Swedish fighter pilots home base during the World War II, and now as well-renovated boutique hotel which is equipped with high-tech and digital services.

The building is also important part of Oulu from architectures perspective, since it is one of the oldest buildings in Oulu. This wooden Art Nouveau villa is carefully renovated to serve as hotel, restaurant and meeting center to offer services for groups up to 100 people.

Target group: All kinds of groups  
Participant minimum/maximum: 5-25  
Service languages: Fin, Eng, Sve, Fra, Rus  
Interpretation services: No  
Availability/Seasonality: Available during hotels opening hours  
Length of the program: 20-120 min depending of additional services like coffee, lunch or dinner  
Location of the activity/program: Center of Oulu, address Kirjoki 54  
Distance from Oulu: 0 hours  
Certificate/Diploma of participation: No

- PLEASE NOTE: All the visiting requests have to come via BusinessOulu / Sari Kasvi  
  sari.kasvi@businessoulu.com or +358 40 724 9419  
  https://degamlashotel.fi/
KALAJOKI BOOKING CENTRE

Kalajoki Booking Centre is a DMC office in the Kalajoki tourist resort with full tour operator rights. Educational visits, study trips, school camps, homestay accommodation. Packages for FITs and groups, leisure programs.

Technical visits: planning program together with local companies. Events & meetings, almost 300 accommodation destinations. Kalajoki has been hosting groups of Japanese students for the past 19 years (current cooperation is between Izumo in Shimane).

For enquiries of the technical visit programs and educational tours:
- Contact person for tour operator: Laura Kujala
- Contact address: Jukupolku 5, FIN-85100 Kalajoki
- Contact phone: +358-8-466 691
- Contact e-mail: laura.kujala@kalajokikeskusvaraamo.fi
- www.bookingkalajoki.fi

PROGRAM 1
Educational visits for teachers and professionals working in sector of vocational education

Academic day for school & day care staff in Kalajoki.

Kalajoki would like to invite teachers to come to one of our schools and learn about the Finnish education and experience the life of a Finnish teacher. This experience aims to provide you a truly practical and rewarding experience that places you in the heart of the Finnish education system.

- Presentation on Finnish education system giving by Principal of Kalajoki Upper Secondary School
- Option to visit any level of school in the Kalajoki school network, highschool, vocational, day care
- Meet and exchange experience with Finnish teachers
- Take part in classes, advance notice would be needed to prepare accordingly
- School tours and information on the education practices currently active in Kalajoki
- Take part in workshop with local teachers in which you will learn some valuable insights into Finnish education
- Teachers will be provided with a Diploma of participation from the Kalajoki Municipality
- Accommodation can be arranged into hotels or homestay in local families
- Optional local activities for extra charge

Companies of interest for technical visit programs in or close to Kalajoki
Entrepreneurs account for over 20 % of the entire workforce and the Kalajoki is home to almost 900 companies. The strongest business sectors in Kalajoki are the metal and wood processing industries, transport and logistics, construction, primary production, tourism and energy industry.

Port of Kalajoki
Sawn timber is the main export product. 70 % of the traffic from the Port of Kalajoki is export.
portofkalajoki.fi/en

Junnikkalan Saha
Saw mill
junnikkala.com

Cent-Listat Oy
Wooden decorative mouldings and panels
cent-listat.fi

Target group: School & kindergarten teachers / educational staff
Participant minimum/maximum: min. 5 / max. 15 teachers at time
Service languages: English
Interpretation services: Yes, other languages for extra charge
Availability/Seasonality: Throughout the year, not available during school holidays and events:
- Graduation week 11.-15.2.19 (week 7)
- Winter holiday 4.-8.3.19 (week 10)
- Easter holiday 19.-22.4.19
- Summer holiday 16.-31.8.19
- Autumn holiday 21.-25.10.19 (week 43)
- Christmas holiday 21.12.19.-7.1.20
Length of the program: 1 day
Location of the activity/program: Kalajoki
Distance from Oulu: 2 hours
Certificate/Diploma of participation: Yes
Steel-Kamet Oy
Developer and supplier of concrete production systems
steelkamet.com/eng

Ferral Components Oy
Metal components and contract manufacturing
ferral.fi/en

Fortaco Oy
Manufacturing of complete machine assembly, operator cabins, machining services and welded steel components
fortacogroup.com

Kati Oy
Diamond drilling
oykattab.com/en

Tuuliwatti Oy
Wind energy plant. Mustilankangas in Kalajoki is the biggest wind energy plant in Finland
tuuliwatti.fi/tuulipuistot (in Finnish)

Fennovoima nuclear power plant (in Pyhajoki)
Estimated start of construction: 2019
fennovoima.fi/en/hanhikivi-1

Andament Group Oy
Energy construction: wind parks, solar and nuclear energy, hydrothermal power plants
Construction traffic routes and railroads and harbours.
Industrial construction: water supply and waste treatment plants, commercial and industrial buildings, steel and concrete structures, mineral aggregates
andamentgroup.fi/en/andament-group-ltd

Topi Keittiöt Oy
Kitchen modules and furniture
topi-keittiot.fi

Kensapuu Oy
Furniture doors
kensapuu.fi/en/company.html

Siipotec Oy
Sustainable solutions for production automation
siipotec.fi/en/

Tourism development company of City of Kalajoki
E.g. new marina concept, hotel development projects
kalajoki.fi/en

Pisa Design
Traditional handicraft with modern design and recycled materials
pisadesign.fi

Vähä-Sarja Oy Kala-Kalle
Fish refining company, wholesaler
kala-kalle.com

Nautor's Swan (in Pietarsaari)
Boatbuilding yard, luxury sailing yachts
nautorswan.com

Baltic Yachts Oy (in Pietarsaari)
Boatbuilding yard, luxury sailing yachts
balticyachts.fi

Finn-Marin Oy (in Kokkola)
Production of Grandezza boats
grandezza.fi
PROGRAM 1
The Pudasjärvi Log Campus
The Campus is the world’s largest log constructed school featuring Finnish education

1-2 hr introductions of the school & education for the professionals of education and for the professionals of the building trade and decision makers

PROGRAM 2
Pudasjärvi, the Log Capital
The small town’s mission of wood building: the world’s number one modern log buildings with history of log buildings includes a 30 mn. visit to the world’s largest log school. Visits to other log building visits arranged according to interests (care home, day care, log house manufacturer, offices, local history museum and church etc.).

1,5 hr and 15 km bus tour introducing modern massive timber building with the historical roots
PROGRAM 3
Pudasjärvi, Log Buildings Edu & Care

One hour visits to the world’s leading children’s day care, assisted living home for the elderly and comprehensive school campus that are built of log

Finnish care and education taking place in modern eco- and userfriendly log buildings presented by professionals. Visit to the log house factory can be added.
In-depth Industry Training and Delegation Visits
From academic lectures to field visits, from government visits to business matchmaking, we tailor your plan according to your need, and guarantee your successful professional visit to Finland.

From pure nature to famous Nordic design, from high standard of welfare system to cutting-edge technologies; Though Finland is a small nation with only 5 million population, it constantly produces top talent to the world, and ranks as no.1 in many fields. Are you planning to come to Finland for intensive training or delegation visit with colleagues? Please choose Hohot. As one of the largest consulting firms in Northern Finland focusing on facilitating business and education collaborations between Finland and Asia, Hohot Consulting Oy has an extensive network with universities, governmental organizations, corporates, industry associations in Finland and other Nordic countries. From academic lectures to field visits, from government visits to business matchmaking, we can tailor your training or delegation plan according to your need. If you wish to add a few days of touring among Nordic countries or relaxing and retreat in quiet nature during your visit, the Hohot team also has years of experience hosting international travellers. We guarantee your successful professional visit to Finland.

Reference industries and fields:
- Medicine and healthcare: government healthcare system and policies, mental health, Nordic welfare system in healthcare, healthtech, Arctic health, etc.
- Environment and energy: bioengineering, air purification, clean energy, garbage disposal, renewable energy, waterworks, etc.
- Food and forest: food safety, sustainable forestry development, forest management, sawing equipment, biomass extraction, etc.
- Fashion and design: Nordic design, Nordic architecture, product and service design, Nordic lifestyle, etc.
Did you know that Finland consists of a highly decentralized health-care system and that local
governments are responsible for providing healthcare to their residents?

The Finnish health system is funded by the tax system, meaning that all residents have access
to public healthcare, regardless of their financial situation.

Of course, like other western countries, Finland is facing challenges as well. How do the Finns
maintain the quality of care, how do they keep their health care accessible to all citizens, and
how can the governments keep the cost under control?

This and much more will be explained during a four days tour whereby the health system,
the sustainability of the welfare state and social insurances will be explained in detail by experts
from KELA (the social health institution), The Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the
National Institute for health and welfare and Finland Health, Business Finland and the Finnish
Institute of Occupational Health.

Kela: Social Insurance Institution
Kela, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland, looks after basic security for all residents in
Finland through the different stages of their lives.

National Institute for health and welfare
THL (terveyden ja hyvinvoinnin laitos) is a Finnish expert agency that provides information
on health and welfare for decision-making and activities in the field. Moreover, it studies and
monitors – and develops measures to promote – the welfare and health of the population.

The Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health is a Finnish government ministry tasked with the
planning and implementation of policies regarding the social affairs and health of the inhabitants
of Finland.

Finland Health
Finland Health is the Finnish innovation funding, trade, investment, and travel promotion
organization, headquartered in Helsinki. Business Finland is fully owned by the Finnish
Government.

Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health is an organization that promotes the positive aspects
of working life and helps to minimise the drawbacks. FIOH does so by studying how health, well-
being and safety at work can be best promoted such as having a healthy organisation or a sound
safety culture at work.

Business Finland (Health and Education Travel)
Business Finland is the most important public funding agency for research funding in Finland,
and is directed by the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

One of the many great things about living in Finland is the excellent standard of Finnish
healthcare. This package explains among other the health service system, the sustainability of
the welfare society, social insurances as well as child care services and other welfare services.
PRODUCT COORDINATORS AND DMCs
CHINESE

FINNOPPI

FinnOppi has deep understanding and knowledge of Finland-China education systems and local context. We deliver the excellence of education concept and learning methods to meet the needs of diverse groups.

We help to pair Finnish schools with Chinese sister schools and organize themed study tours for sister school students and families to Finland.

FCIE

FCIE is short for Finland Center of International Exchange. Our service is to provide an international collaboration and communication platform which covers various aspects such as education, culture, travelling, commercial and trading. We are aiming at enhancing the collaboration and communication between China and Finland throughout the whole process, so that we can achieve the longterm strategy in economic field. FCIE helps you to make the correct decision in each phase of internationalization: planning international growth in China market, making preparations to enter the market, establishing yourself in China market and improving your market position. Our services are tailored to provide a solution which matches your company’s needs.

HOHOT

HoHot Consulting Oy consists of a group of Chinese professionals located in Oulu Finland, who are well connected with local businesses and educational institutes. Their fields of expertise include (but not limited to): education, marketing, Finnish language, legislation, logistics, accounting and academic research. Since company’s establishment, the HoHot team has been dedicated in assisting successful collaborations between Finland and China, both business-wise and culture-wise. For you visit to Oulu area, we are more than happy to help with areas for example: interpretation, translations, academic and industrial collaborations and education travel managements.

NORDIC NODE

Oy Nordic Node Ltd. is a Finnish company, headquartered in Oulu. We do both trading and business consulting related to China market. Our strength is to help companies enter China market with developing right marketing strategies, building connections with trustful partners and wide networks in China. Partnered with many Finnish and Chinese companies, Nordic Node has helped the reach goals. The knowledge of both Finnish and Chinese culture, consumers’ bying habits, as well as good communication and strategically working style are the keys to success.

Nordic Node is specialized in design products, tourism and education related areas. It also arranges summer and winter camps in Oulu for children aged 10 to 16 based on request. Additionally company provides translation services for companies and visitors (Finnish to Chinese and English to Chinese).

ARCTIC CHINA

Arctic China Oy is a well-known travel agency specializing profoundly in travel in Finland and North Scandinavia countries. The company was founded in 2004 and has 20 staff members working nowadays.

Arctic China Oy focuses on high quality service and wide selection of tourism products in Oulu to Chinese market. Our products include summer and winter youth camps in Pikku-Syöte and Rokua Geopark; educational visits to schools in Oulu region; business and technical visits to Oulu enterprises and factories; and leisure travel packages in Oulu (Kalajoki, Iso-Syötem Pikku Syöte and Rokua Geopark etc.)
JAPANESE

LUOMINEN OY

As a tour operator, Luominen Co., Ltd. provides a good care of service for group tour as well as individual tour to make their stay smooth and enjoyable one. Coordinating group tours, school camps and individual travel, guide service (English, Japanese)

Founder of Luominen Nanako Oshima visited Finland seven times before she moved to Oulu. She knows the different educations systems in different countries since she has raised her daughter in three countries.

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ERKKI LASSILA / AYA SUZUKI, UBUSUNA

We offer custom coordination for educational and cultural visits with interpretation (Japanese and English) and we are available for consultation and partners for educational program planning. Learning at its best with the need to change and progresses through joint inquiry and experiencing the authentic. We start with a thorough hearing of the client to design a learning experience that allows going deep into Finnish education and culture and you to see your country of origin in a new light.

Visits may include excursions into educational institutes of all levels from daycare to university, cultural and educational facilities (museums, science parks), cultural activities, lectures, meetings with personnel from private sector and so forth. Only our joint creative imagination sets the limits.

Target groups: Anyone interested in profoundly probing learning experience of Finnish education and culture, especially individuals and groups from various educational or research institutions, government, organizations and such.

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DMCs

GO ARCTIC DMC

Go Arctic is a strong northern tour operator and DMC that offers travel and program services in Oulu region and whole Finland. We are specialists of North and arctic experiences.

We are happy to build the program packages for your customers when you need a leisure trip, camp school, educational or technical visit. Go Arctic DMC has a long experience in serving international customers in Oulu region. If you just need leisure activities to complete your program in our area, Go Arctic DMC offers cover city tour guidings as well as nature activities winter and summer. Go Arctic DMC handles the official guide booking in Oulu region. For something very unique; come and experience Arctic floating -program in frozen sea – with luck together with northern lights!

We offer pre- and posts tours for your events in whole Finland. And when needed together with our excellent network of partners we can build you the whole package in Oulu region covering all the services from the airport to airport. We are your local specialist and here to help you to find the best options for your customers to have a profitable work visit in Finland together with arctic experience.

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  www.goarctic.fi/en

KALAJOKI BOOKING CENTRE

All accommodation and activity services with one local service!

Kalajoki with its sand dunes area “Hiekkasärkät” is a compact holiday area surrounded by pure marine nature and versatile selection of activities. Kalajoki Booking Centre is a DMC office in Kalajoki tourism area with full tour operator rights.

Educational visits, study trips, school camps, homestay in local families. Packages for FITs and groups, leisure programs, technical visits. Events & meetings, almost 300 accommodation destinations.

Kalajoki has been hosting groups of Japanese students for the past 19 years (current cooperation is between Izumo in Shimane). Kalajoki Booking Centre is a part of larger group of booking centres.

Our local offices are situated in four different destinations in Northern Finland, Sydöe, Rokua, Kalajoki & Oulu.

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